

Senate Votes for War on Austria

CHARGE ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER

Peter Logos was arraigned before Judge Knicker in police court this morning, on complaints charging him with unlawfully carrying a pistol and also with assault with intent to murder Christos Spanos. He entered a plea of not guilty to each complaint and was held under \$10,000 bonds for appearance before the court one week from today.

It is alleged that Logos and Spanos had an argument while at work yesterday afternoon, and about 5:30 o'clock last night, the men met and Logos fired five shots from a revolver at Spanos, one of which took effect, but the wound is not considered a serious one. Patrolmen Bagley and

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR CITY OF LOWELL

Messrs. Edward Fisher, William H. Wilson and Stanley B. Cox, members of the legal advisory board for the city of Lowell, recently appointed by President Wilson on recommendation of Gov. McCall, in order that the registered men under the selective service law may obtain legal advice without expense when they are filling out the questionnaire prepared by the war department, have issued the following circular letter to 53 local lawyers, who with the three above mentioned, will make the 57 which comprise the board:

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 7, 1917.

Dear Sir: By direction of the governor you have been appointed an associate member of the legal advisory board for the city of Lowell for the purpose of rendering aid and assistance to registrants under the selective service law.

Each associate member is required to qualify, making oath on a blank card which will be provided to be filed in which will be provided to be filed in

DR. MIGNAULT

FOR MAYOR

WHY?

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DR. RODRIGUE MIGNAULT

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LOWELL'S LATEST

IRVIN Y. WILLIAMS

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Customs have been handed down to us by our ancestors. We first hear of customs in Greece, a peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea. The Greeks believed in Gods and Goddesses whom they thought visited them on earth, and this belief gave birth to the unequal display of hospitality to strangers.

Centuries later in England, the Anglo-Saxons, in the reign of King Richard I, showed their hospitality in the sheltering of travelers even though they were not acquainted.

We have likewise emulated this custom and have endeavored to produce a feeling of welcome and a spirit of hospitality to all those trading or visiting our store.

Mildred Holmes, Lowell High School, Com. Dept.

PERRY D. THOMPSON

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

Will Speak Tonight

AT 8 O'CLOCK

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Wm. J. McCluskey Will Preside

All Candidates Invited to Speak

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"The Truth About THE Savings Banks"

Is the title of an interesting booklet giving the facts about our Savings Banks and their added advantages and security over other Banks for Saving.

You Owe It to Yourself

To read it and be informed on this important subject. We will be glad to mail it on request but, better still, call at the Bank and ask about it. We are glad to explain. DO IT NOW!

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FORTY-SIX YEARS A REAL SAVINGS BANK

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CENTRAL STREET

Resolution Declaring War on Austria Unanimously Passed in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—With festal then an hour's debate the senate today passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary.

The resolution was adopted by the senate unanimously, 74 to 0. Senators Gurnea of North Dakota, Norris of Nebraska and Vandaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German war declaration supported the resolution. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin left during the speech making and did not cast his vote.

Meanwhile there was every indication that the resolution would pass in the house with only one dissenting vote—Representative London, socialist. Members were so sure of it that they deserted the chamber in droves to escape the speech making and return later for the voting.

After the house acts the two resolutions will be reconciled or one substituted for the other.

Debate in Both Houses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Declaration of war on Austria-Hungary came up today in both houses of congress.

In the house of representatives, the resolution reported yesterday by the foreign affairs committee came up for debate and passage which was expected before tonight.

In the senate, the foreign relations committee's report of its own war resolution came up with a request for unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

The two resolutions must be consolidated or one must displace the other in the final action of congress. How this would be accomplished had not fully developed when both houses began working.

Debate on the Austrian war resolution began shortly after the senate convened. Unanimous consent being secured for its immediate consideration, Sen. Stone of senate foreign relations committee presented the resolution and moved its immediate adoption.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking republican on the foreign relations committee, followed Senator Stone and gave reasons for favoring declarations of war against Turkey and Bulgaria, but declared unanimity

PEOPLE OF HALIFAX STUNNED BY MAGNITUDE OF DISASTER

Bend All Energies to Relieving Injured, Feeding Hungry, Sheltering Homeless and Gathering Dead—Snow Storm Impedes Rescue Work But Aids Firemen in Fighting Flames—One Report Says 5000 Killed—Police Estimate Dead at 2000

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Stunned by the magnitude of the disaster which has overwhelmed the "Garrison city by the sea," the people of Halifax today bent all their energies to relieving the injured, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and gathering their dead.

A heavy snow storm set in early today and while this in a measure impeded the work of relief and rescue, it served to aid the firemen in fighting the flames.

At Least 2000 Lives Lost

Reports from the improvised morgues and from hospitals, churches, schools and private residences seemed to bear out last night's estimate that at least 2000 lives were lost when the Belgian relief steamer *Imo* collided with the French munitions steamer *Mont Blanc*, causing the detonation of

LOWELL MAN WILL HELP BELGIAN REFUGEE

Yesterday the exemption board of division 2 at city hall received a letter from Isidore DeBussy of Birby, County Durham, England, asking for information concerning the whereabouts of one Alfons Snoeck, who had lived in this city. A copy of the letter was published in yesterday's issue of The Sun and the article, appearing in Lowell's greatest newspaper, brought the desired result. The Sun learned, shortly after the article appeared, from parties who read it, that Mr. Snoeck kept a candy store at 32 Gorham st.

Mr. Snoeck when seen by a reporter

Announcement

Owing to the large increase of sales and lack of room at our present location, we have made arrangements with A. W. Dows Co., druggists, for the use of one of their beautiful show windows for the holiday season, showing a complete line of high grade Jewelry at reasonable prices. A clerk inside will be pleased to show you any article in the window without any obligation to purchase.

Goods selected now will be held for Christmas.

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SPECIALIST ON DIAMONDS

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RUSH AID TO HALIFAX CONDITIONS APPALING

ABOARD MASSACHUSETTS RELIEF TRAIN, via St. John, N. B., Dec. 7.—Exact conditions in stricken Halifax are more appalling than was indicated by last night's reports.

This is a message that was despatched to Gov. McCall this morning by A. C. Ratschky, manager of the Massachusetts special relief train after a night spent in gathering bits of information from trainmen and others met with as the relief train sped eastward.

Dead Are Everywhere

The dead are everywhere, said these reports. There is immediate need of a great staff of surgeons and scores of nurses.

By 9 o'clock tonight, the Massachusetts unit should be in Halifax at the immediate disposal of the chief surgeon who is directing the relief work—the most stupendous task that has ever confronted the people of Nova Scotia.

When the Bay State special reached St. John, additional hospital supplies were taken aboard to meet pressing demands pending the arrival at Halifax of a shipment due to leave Boston at noon today.

During the brief stop, Mr. Ratschky got into communication with the Halifax authorities over the railroad telegraph wire and learned that supplies and help of every kind would be most welcome.

It had not been humanely possible, the authorities said, to take care of the hundreds of injured, many of whom had perished during the night.

Dead Piled High in Morgues

In improvised morgues, the dead are piled high and unidentified. Scores of these bodies will never be claimed.

Because of inability to get into communication with Halifax yesterday, the relief train was despatched without waiting to know whether its aid and comfort would be useful.

"Gov. McCall has given orders to go the limit in rendering aid and I shall," said Mr. Ratschky. "Just as soon as I can get detailed first hand reports I will wire him fully, because it appears now that tremendous assistance will be necessary."

Arrangements were made last night with James Jackson, head of the New England division of the American Red Cross, to forward large quantities of food and medical supplies to be sent aboard. The assignment of our staff and nurses will be determined after arrival at Halifax, but the whole force will be placed as a unit under the direction of the surgeon general. There is much to be done, for reports

ANNUAL Social and Dance

BY THE TEMPLE CLUB

Miner-Doyle Orchestra

Associate Hall

TONIGHT

TICKETS 25 CENTS

WE believe that the best and most effective advertising the 1918 Lowell Thrift Club will receive will be from the good word said by the 2000 members of 1917 club, who on December 15 will receive the \$100,000 distribution in the form of check. From experience the 1917 members know it will be wise to join NOW and thus avoid the push and wait.

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Deposit the dollars in the SAVINGS DEPARTMENT of this old established Bank.

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GRAND RALLY

TONIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF LOWELL COUNCIL OF THE TRADES UNION LIBERTY LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS. HIBERNIAN HALL. ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE DISCUSSED BY ABLE SPEAKERS.

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DON'T ELOPE IF YOU'D BE HAPPY IS WARNING OF DIVORCE JUDGE



Special to The Sun

Only 15 per cent. of elopements lead to happy marriages. I base this figure on my 15 years' experience in the superior court of San Francisco, says Judge Graham, eminent California jurist and authority on divorce law. "Marry in haste, repent at leisure" is a good advice for the young folks to keep in mind.

The prime reason elopements don't lead to lasting marriages is that the parties give little consideration to the requirements of a happy and lasting marriage. Youth isn't a time for mature judgment, and marriage is a thing that should be based in some degree on judgment.

Someone has well said that the young lady of 18 years spends more time waiting for some fine prince to come along and run away with her.

Of course, at that age nothing less than a prince will do. Of course, he has to be handsome. However, all the heroes of the love stories that she has read been handsome? Certainly!

So my young lady of 15 or 16 years waits for her prince. And then the prince comes, not in the regalia of the middle ages, not adorned in purple and gold—but adorned none the less.

He may have a streaming purple turban that is not according to the season's styles, an immaculate shirt, patent leather shoes and perhaps a pair of lavender socks showing prominently below well-elevated and well-cared trousers.

What more could a lady want? Isn't her prince a man to be seen out walking with. Doesn't he fill the imagination of the young lady—and what is quite as important, the young lady's friends? His fingers manicured, his manners impeccable, he is a prince indeed! She makes up her immature little mind to become his princess—

she has to run away from home. She hasn't thought of how she is going to be supported after the marriage because bread and butter and potatoes are things that no prince or princess was ever known to worry about. They were never even mentioned in the love stories or the fairy tales. She hasn't thought of the little quarrels that might occur after the marital knot has been tied because, while ordinary people have had their little difficulties after marriage, prince and princesses always "live happily ever after."

But some day the potatoes run short, the hubbys come home a little peevish, and the little princess calls him a real mean thing and runs home to tell mamma and papa that he isn't a real prince after all. The next day an annulment suit is begun.

All because the young lady of 15 or 16 summers wouldn't get or take advice of older or wiser heads.

If she had waited until she became 21 years old at least, she might have married some young chap who didn't wear flashy neckties or patent leather shoes, whose clothes were not of the latest cut and whose manners were rough with toil.

If she had waited for him she would probably have known by that time that she had been carried off by a real matter of fact prince.

I have found that the young couples who cannot discipline themselves enough to abide by the advice of parents who oppose an early marriage are also lacking in the self-control necessary to combat the differences that are certain to develop in every home. This lack of discipline over self leads to the early marriage and

also leads to an early annulment or an early divorce.

I don't say that all elopements are wrong or lead to unhappy marriages. I don't say that all elopements are certain to end in disaster. But my years of experience in the divorce court have told me that most elopements do end in regret.

Most Dangerous Age for Girls

Young ladies this is my advice to all of you. Make up your minds now that you will never elope. You're nothing fresh about an elopement. There's nothing heroic in it. Perhaps you'll get your names and pictures in the paper, but the great probability is that you will be covered by the police and given this publicity. Elopements don't elevate you in the estimation of your friends. Your friends are frequently asked, but you don't tell the truth and laugh at you even while they are commiserating you. For a few brief hours of the excitement that comes from being in the public eye you are likely to spend many years of misery.

Your dangers are between 16 and 20 or 21 years. It is during this period that you are most likely to get in trouble. If you elope, you can remain free during this period, if you can learn during these years to think seriously before you act, then I am sure you will avoid the mistake of having to elope and will form lasting and happy, rather than precarious and unhappy marriages.

JUDITH THOS. E. GRAHAM.

Is it fair to be indulging ourselves when the men in uniform are prohibited?

Advertisement, Otto Hockmeyer

MANY LANGUAGES

Supt. Hugh J. Molloy of the school department has received circulars printed in various languages from the Massachusetts bureau of immigration for distribution among the foreign elements who attend the public schools. The circulars deal with what the officials of the bureau stand ready to do in the interest of the immigrants and contain considerable information concerning what the immigrants could do after arriving in this country. The languages in which the circulars are printed are as follows: Syrian, Italian, Greek, Polish and Armenian.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HARRIS—Died Dec. 6th, in this city.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at 230 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Please notify the funeral home in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

KENNEDY—The funeral of Patrick Kennedy will take place Sunday morning at 8 o'clock from his home, 222 Elm street. A funeral mass will be sung at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

MORGAN—The funeral of Mrs. Bridget M. Morgan will take place Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from her late home, 212 Broadway. Burial in the 12th St. cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

MORRIS—The funeral of John Morris will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late home, 54 Elm street. Services will be held at the immediate chapel of the Holy Rosary sodality of the Sacred Heart church attending the funeral. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

MURPHY—The funeral of John Murphy will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late home, 212 Broadway. Burial in the 12th St. cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

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RESULTS IN COPING WITH
GERMAN PLOTTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Only the cold figures showing the results of the work of the department of justice in coping with German plotters in this country are given in Attorney General Gregory's annual report submitted today to congress. None of the details of the operations of the secret service of that department, touching almost every condition from the romantic to the sordid are disclosed. Most of those must necessarily remain untold until the end of the war, when a set of volumes rivaling the most exciting tales of fiction might be written from them. The attorney general's report merely tells the story of results in the figures of prison sentences which the agents of German intrigue now are serving in federal penitentiaries.

In dealing with the enemies within, the department has found that the espionage law, the trading with the enemy act, and the prosecution of seditious conspiracy have been fruitful of results. The government's hands have been materially strengthened so that it now has power to deal with disturbing malcontents," says the attorney general's report.

The prosecution of William D. Haywood and other leaders of the so-called Industrial Workers of the World, to the number of more than 150 in the northern district of Illinois is an instance of how these laws may be employed for the public protection in this time of stress. The effort of these prosecutions is already having a far-reaching and highly beneficial influence towards the maintenance of order and obedience to law throughout the country.

After dealing with the war activities of the department, the attorney general passes on to recommendations concerning the civil laws of the nation. Attorney General Gregory renews the recommendation that the interstate commerce law be amended to meet supreme court decisions, to discontinue transportation from production while the legislation Mr. Gregory recommends is intended, particularly to cover the coal roads, it would also prohibit to the last degree a railway from manufacturing or owning anything it transports in interstate commerce.

Also, the attorney general renews his recommendation for a provision of law intended to benefit the federal courts. It would provide that when a federal judge reaches the age of 70 years and refuses to avail himself of the retirement already provided by law, the president might be authorized to appoint another judge for the same district to take precedence over the older one.

Under existing law there is no legal penalty for sending threatening letters through the mails unless to accomplish extortion or as part of a means to defraud. Mr. Gregory recommends legislation to make it a crime. The statute of limitations of criminal prosecution in bankruptcy cases, now one year, the attorney general regards as having defeated justice in some cases and he recommends that it be extended to three years.

In the enforcement of the anti-trust laws the attorney general says the department has been confronted by peculiar conditions brought about by the war. There are two broad limitations on the power of the department.

Increases of price, brought about not by agreement, conspiracy or monopoly, but by the common selfish impulse of traders to take advantage of the extraordinary condition of the times, are not punishable under the anti-trust laws, the attorney general says. They are completely lacking in any element of economic justification or how extortionate.

Sales of commodities by retailers to consumers generally fall outside of interstate commerce and, therefore, are not within the purview of the federal law.

With such limitations, Attorney General Gregory says the department of justice has utilized its full energy.

Several of the great anti-trust cases, previously begun, under the International Harvester and Steel suits, are still in the supreme court.

The attorney general devotes much of his report to informing congress of the steps he has taken to carry out measures against enemy aliens. They include co-operation of federal marshals and troops with local authorities, and go into the legal procedure in great detail.

PIMPLY? WELL, DON'T BE!

People Notice It. Drive Them Off with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

A pimply face will not embarrass you much longer if you get a package of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The skin should begin to clear after you have taken the tablets a few nights.

Cleanse the blood, the bowels and the liver with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the successful substitute for calomel; there's never any sickness or pain after taking them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do the work which calomel does, and just as effectively but their action is gentle and safe instead of severe and irritating.

No one who takes Olive Tablets is ever cursed with "a dark brown taste, a bad breath, a dull, listless, "no good feeling, constipation, torpid liver, bad disposition or pimply face."

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil; you will know them by their olive color.

Dr. Edwards spent years among patients afflicted with liver and bowels complaints, and Olive Tablets are the immensely effective result.

Take one or two nightly for a week. See how much better you feel and look! 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS
WOUNDED AT FRONT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Second Lieut. A. L. Cone and 12 enlisted men of the American army engineers have been wounded in action. Gen. Pershing reported to the war department. Gen. Pershing gave no details, except that the men were wounded on Nov. 30, the day on which American engineers, working with the British army, assisted Gen. Byng's forces in the German assault near Cambrai. Lieut. Cone and 11 of the enlisted men were seriously, and one man slightly, wounded.

The seriously wounded are:

Serjeant Frank Haley; emergency address, J. A. Frank, friend, New York City.

Serjeant Patrick A. Long; emergency address, Joseph Long, brother, Day-oune, N. J.

Corp. Philip Berk; emergency address, Mrs. Bertha Kinginer, sister, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Corp. Charles J. Critchley; emergency address, Mrs. Rose Critchley, mother, New York City.

Corp. James Angus; emergency address, James Angus, father, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Private James E. Grogan; emergency address, David Aegen, Coatesville, Pa.

Private James Engen, Great Neck, N. Y.

Private William L. Barnes; sister, Mrs. Agnes M. Barnes, Portland, Ore.

Private Charles A. Grogan; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Leiger, Chicago, Ill.

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My Annual
December Sale

Suit to Order \$12.50

I want to get rid of \$8000 worth of woollens between now and the tenth of January. All ends in stock ranging from a suit pattern to 15 yards I have sorted out. Worsteds, Tweeds, Serges, Fancy Mixtures, all wool and all worsteds guaranteed. Some of these patterns sold as high as \$22.50 and if purchased in today's market I would have to get more money for them.

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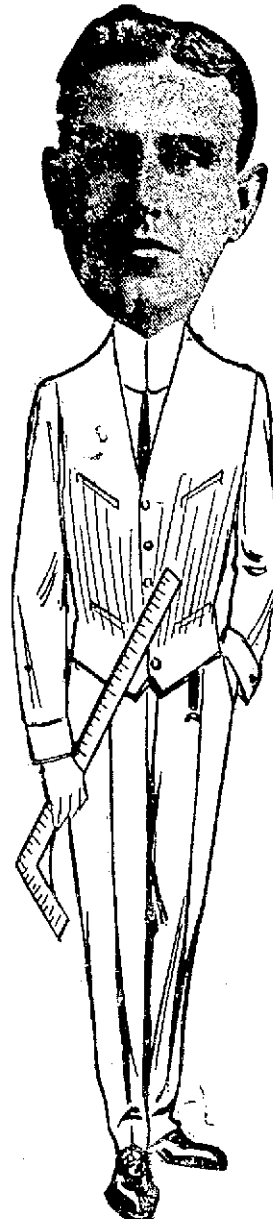
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M'CALL'S REQUEST FOR
BARNETT REFUSED

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 7.—New Hampshire yesterday refused to honor extradition papers of Massachusetts. Gov. McCall asked Gov. Keyes to allow Massachusetts officers to take in that state Alfred Barnett of Manchester, charged with failing to support his three children, who have lived with their grandparents in Somerville, Mass., since the death of Barnett's first wife 10 years ago.

Patrick H. Sullivan of Manchester, recently democratic candidate for congress, appeared in Barnett's behalf before Gov. Keyes. After an extended hearing, in which Atty. Gen. James P. Tuttle participated, the governor decided that Barnett was not a fugitive from justice and declined to issue the papers.

It appeared from the testimony that Barnett had contributed to the support of the children until last March, but that, having married again, he wishes to have the children make their home with him in Manchester. This was opposed by their grandparents.

FAVORS EXCESS PROFITS TAX ON RAILROADS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—An excess profit tax to be levied on the earnings of the railroads after their freight rates have been adjusted so as to enable all of them to earn a fair return was suggested in an address by S. Davis Warfield of Baltimore, which he delivered here today before the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. Mr. Warfield, who is president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, and chairman of the board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company, was speaking from the standpoint of the investor.

The fund derived from this proposed excess profit tax, Mr. Warfield said, would go either to the government or into a fund to purchase equipment to be leased to the railroads. The government to loan this company sufficient money to purchase equipment necessary to supply the requirements of all the railroads.

At 7.55 sharp from the South common and proceeded to Essex, Central and Merrimack streets to the Playhouse where the mass meeting will be held, with International President William H. Johnston as the principal speaker.

All five leaders of the Machinists' union will participate and will form at their various lodge rooms and proceed to the South common in time to start the parade. Several bands have been engaged for this occasion and there will be plenty of music to give tone to the parade.

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SAYS NO U-BOAT COULD GET INTO HALIFAX

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Archibald T. Davidson, of Bridgewater, N. S., a city near Halifax, who has been in Boston for the past few weeks on business, declared last night that the much touted theory that the explosion of the munitions ship was caused by a German submarine was an utter impossibility. Mr. Davidson declared that the entrances of the harbor of the stricken city are so well protected by torpedoes and by great wire cables hung across the entrances that no submarine could possibly slip into the enclosure.

No Chance to Slip In

The Nova Scotian further declared that only at special hours were ships allowed to enter or leave the harbor, and that at those times the gates were opened and the government supervised every boat that came and went.

"Why," said Mr. Davidson, "there's not a ghost of a show of a submarine getting in there. Not only is the harbor well protected by the nets and cables, but the naval patrol constantly crosses back and forth near the entrance."

With Mr. Davidson was his brother, Fred H. Davidson, and his son, Fred Davidson yesterday afternoon received this telegram from his wife:

Hospital in Death Zone

"Belgian relief boat collided with

French ammunition boat lying off dock yard today. City is wrecked; St. Mary's cathedral is destroyed, and many principal buildings badly damaged. The houses have fallen in and many lives have been lost.

Mr. Davidson said that in the area devastated by the explosion were several military hospitals for the recuperation of wounded troops brought back to Canada by the transports and hospital ships. He said that pier No. 2 was used exclusively as a receiving station for these wounded men, and that pier No. 3 was directly in the danger zone.

Fred Davidson declared that he was in Halifax a week ago and that a great transport ship had just come in. He did not know whether or not she was loading with troops to go out, but he stated that she was the largest transport bearing the British flag. If this ship was still at the city when the accident occurred, she is destroyed completely.

Besides the military hospitals there are several civil hospital institutions within the bounds of the destroyed portion of the city, according to Mr. Davidson.

The heavy construction of the Citadel, a large fort in the centre of the city, would resist the force of the explosion, said Fred Davidson. It was claimed that the other forts down the harbor would also be safe for the same reason.

He stated, however, that there were two or three forts so near the scene of the explosion that if it did the harm intended in the papers, they must have suffered losses in men and minor material destructions.

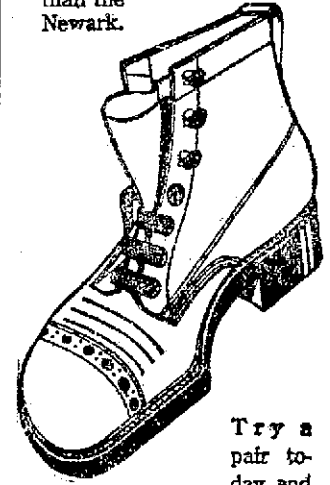
These forts are garrisoned with the Canadian Home Guards, composed of men who enlisted, but who were not physically strong enough to be sent to the trenches. They are also partly manned by soldiers with wounds who incapacitate them from further service on the French battle line.

The Halifax infectious hospital is well within the danger zone of the explosion.

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JOINTS STIFF---CORDS DRAWN WHEELED ABOUT IN CARRIAGE

Remarkable Experience of Miss Horton, Who Suffered Since 4 Years Old.

Friends and neighbors can hardly believe that Gladys Horton is now able to move her arms and hands as



well as anyone. No longer will she be pointed out as she walked with her arms bent at the elbows, as the girl who was unable to help herself and unable even to button her own coat. She now has full use of her joints and was enthusiastic when asked about her recovery. She said: "I don't know just where to begin. I have had rheumatism since I was four years old and it is a new experience for me to have the full use of my joints and be free of pain. I have been so helpless that I had to be wheeled in a small carriage, almost every joint in my body has been afflicted, my feet, ankles, knees, hands, arms and shoulders."

"I was unable to walk on account of the pain in my feet and knees. Helpless and in continued pain, dreading the night when I would have to be lifted bodily and dreading the days when I would have to be moved. I was unable to cut my food or feed myself and my arms were bent at the elbows, unable to get them away from my body. My fingers were drawn into the palms of my hands."

"You can see I have full use of my hands and arms and my fingers have gone back to normal condition," she said, as she grasped the hand of the writer, at the same time demonstrating by her grip that she had considerable strength in her fingers.

"I tried many different treatments but they failed to help me. Finally friends of mine became interested and told me they would supply Var-ne-sis."

Telegraph companies were swamped with messages inquiring as to the fate of many Halifax families. Mrs. M. Neville and her daughter of Halifax, who were here on their way from a stay in the south, received a message from Yarmouth, N. S., last night, to the effect that their property was not damaged. The Neville family owns a wharf and a factory about a mile and a half from the centre of the city. They believed that the saving of their home was due to the fact that it was sheltered by a hill.

A telegram to Charles Rogers, manager of a garage in Chelsea, brought word that the home of his sister Rogers was not damaged. The Neville family was wrecked but that no one there was hurt. This house was about five miles from the place of the explosion.

At least one Boston steamship is believed to have been in the harbor at Halifax at the time of the explosion.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—The horrors of a bombardment by battleships possessed the minds of many when the explosion on the Mont Blanc shook this fortress town to its very foundations yesterday. There were three distinct shocks. First, a comparatively light rumble, like a seismic disturbance, startled the city. A moment later a terrific blast made even the citadel quake. Then a crash of glass throughout a wide area made the confusion complete.

Thousands rushing into the open saw a thick cloud of gray smoke hanging over the north end of the city. This strengthened their conviction of an attack from the air or bombardment.

It was feared that other explosions would follow, and so far as possible the frightened ones were herded in

sis if I would take it. I had little confidence that it would help me, but decided to give it a trial anyway. I am glad I did, for today I am entirely free from rheumatism of the joints—haven't an ache or a pain—perfectly well.

"It seems like a dream, but I must give Var-ne-sis, that wonderful medicine, all the credit. I wish other sufferers would gain by my experience—use my recipe, take Var-ne-sis and do not let up until they are well."

"I would be glad to have anyone call on me or write my address, Gladys Horton, 15 Abbott street, W. Lynn, Mass."

Lizzie S. Watts, well known in Lynn, and employed at Lynn post-office, has been greatly interested in Miss Horton's condition. She said:

"Miss Horton was pronounced incurable by several of our best physicians. Her hands were misshapen, her lower limbs almost useless, while each moment of her life was one of suffering. Last week I called upon her, the first time I had seen her since she began taking Var-ne-sis, and what a change."

"Shapely hands, lower limbs in perfect condition and a healthy flush on her cheeks. A well, merry hearted happy girl. All this change from taking Var-ne-sis."

Cannot say how pleased I am and how I thank you for your personal interest in her case. I find it hard even now to believe this girl is the same one I saw about a year ago, saved from a life of torture. She looks upon Mr. Varney as upon a Deliverer and told me she should pray for him every night of her life. Such gratitude one seldom finds and to her thanks I add my own." Miss Watts also would gladly answer any questions about the case.

Mary A. Lynch, who lives at the same address as Miss Horton, said: "I have known Miss Horton for the past four years and watched her through her sufferings. I can verify her statement as to her suffering previous to taking Var-ne-sis. She now looks to be in perfect health."

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the southern part of the city. Great crowds gathered in open lots and mained there for hours until they believed all danger was past.

Methodical Beyond Recognition

Systematic efforts were being made last night to identify the dead, but great difficulty was encountered, as numbers who were killed had suffered injuries which made recognition impossible.

Despite the prompt and generous succor from nearby places there was much suffering among the homeless last night. The temperature, while not low for this district, held below freezing.

Many of the fires were caused by overturned stoves and these generally burned in wooden frame houses that lent themselves readily to the flames. The ions, which appeared to have escaped serious damage, was nevertheless beached, as following the explosion the town was in danger of destruction. Her crew escaped.

A large Canadian steamer, moored at the north end, was torn from her moorings by the concussion and set drifting in midstream.

Among the notable structures wrecked was St. Joseph's church and the school building, which, with the immense cotton factory in that district also was demolished. The locality, however, was chiefly occupied by residences.

Outside the toll of life claimed on land and sea by the great war, the catastrophe at Halifax yesterday is by far the greatest disaster in many years.

Numerous explosions have occurred in munitions plants in this country and Europe, the most disastrous of which on this side was at the Edgemoor plant of the duPont Powder Co. at Chester, Pa., in April last in which 112 persons lost their lives.

The Halifax disaster is the most tragic explosion in the number of lives wiped out in the last quarter century. Indeed, few catastrophes of any nature exceed it in the number of dead—chiefly the Mexican steamship General Slocum in the East river in 1904 left a death list of about 1400. In 1906 the earthquake and fire in San Francisco took the lives of approximately 1000 persons, while the steamship Titanic, in collision with an iceberg in 1912, resulted in a toll of 1503 dead.

In 1914 the steamship Empress of Ireland went down in the St. Lawrence river, near Father's Point, Que., with the loss of 1027 lives. Then followed the sinking of the Lusitania by a German torpedo, and the steamship Eastland in the Chicago river in 1915, with death lists respectively of 1193 and 812.

In October of this year it was reported that 4000 persons had lost their lives in a munitions explosion in Australia, but this report never has been confirmed.

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BOTH FOR 55c

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Parsnips, doz. 8 lbs. 10c
White Turnips, doz. 8 lbs. 10c
Lettuce, doz. 10c
Cranberries, doz. 10c
Celery, doz. 10c

Ripe Fresh Tomatoes, lb. 10c
Parsley, bunch, 10c
Cooking Apples, pk. 10c
Cabbage, lb. 10c
Red Cabbage, lb. 10c
Kale, pk. 10c
Radish, 3 bunches 10c
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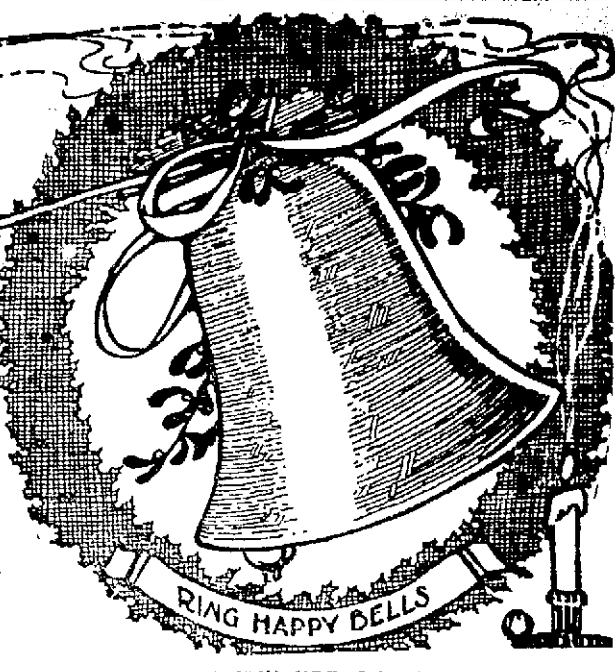


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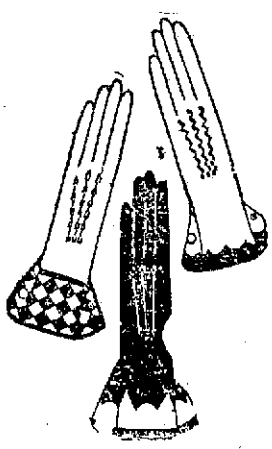
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Women's Lace Handkerchiefs, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, boxed... 6 for 90c
A better grade, boxed... 6 for \$1.50
Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, box of 6, 69c, 75c and \$1.00
Dainty White Embroidered Handkerchiefs... 3 for \$1.00
Dainty White and Colored Handkerchiefs, box of 3... 29c
Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 50c each
Women's Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs... 15c and 25c
Women's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c each
Children's Boxed Handkerchiefs, 15c, 19c, 25c and 29c box
Boys' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, all linen, 17c each, 3 for 50c

GIFTS

From the Corset Shop

Pretty Brassieres, useful, dainty and not expensive, 50c to \$3.00
Bandeaux for gifts. We have them in silk and treco materials in flesh and white; perfect fitting.

Beacon Blanket Bath Robes, \$2.98

and other gifts that always please womankind

Beacon Blanket Bath Robes, fancy patterns, including Indian designs... \$2.98
Fancy Tea Aprons, lace and hamburger trimmed... 19c
Heatherbloom Petticoats in blue, green, rose, mustard and black; regular \$1.98 value... \$1.39

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For Christmas

Marquis Fabric, comprising two sizes of paper; comes in fine shades, white, yellow, pink, light blue and dark blue 98c
Autocrat Linen Correspondence Cards in 3 sizes in a box \$1.50
Autocrat Linen, 2, 3 and 5 sheets of paper in the box. Prices \$1.39, \$1.98 and \$2.98
Linen Royale Note Paper with pastel borders... 50c
Colonial Writing Paper in white, \$4.00, \$4.50
Gentlemen's Writing Paper, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Shirley Lawn Note Paper and correspondence cards, 95c, \$1.75, \$2.25
Christmas Cards in both French and English... 5c to 35c
Christmas Postal Cards 1c each

Important to Mothers

These are things that will help to guard the health of babies and children:

Infants' Sleeping Bags of eider-down and Beacon Blankets in white, blue and pink... \$1.59, \$1.98 and \$2.98
Babies' Sweaters, all wool, white and pink, and white and blue; sizes 2 to 5 years... \$1.98 to \$2.98
Infants' Long or Short Booties, all different styles 25c to 98c
Children's Bath Robes in nursery and beacon styles; sizes 2 to 14 years, all colors... \$1.49 to \$2.49
Children's Gingham Dresses, with or without bloomers; all new styles; daintily trimmed; sizes 2 to 6 years... 98c to \$2.98
A new line of Dainty Rompers, smocked and embroidered, white, pink and blue... 98c to \$1.98
(Second Floor)

Boys' Colored Border Handkerchiefs... 4 for 25c
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, fine extra size... 29c and 50c each
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, box, 6 for 90c



Stockings have always been acceptable gifts, but this Christmas they may be counted among the money-saving gifts. Silk stockings especially will go up in price and many of these qualities we shall not be able to duplicate at present prices. Put up in special Christmas boxes.

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose with heel, sole and garter top interlined with lisle; black, white and colors... \$1.69

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, full fashioned in black, white and colors; also fancy novelties, high spliced heel and double sole and garter top of lisle, for... \$1.15 Pair

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose in fancy novelties, including stripes and dots very pretty and practical Christmas gift for... \$1.00 Pair



Blouses and Sweaters

In a shop where style, quality, and value are so good that 100 per cent of our customers are satisfied.

Dainty Voile Blouses, exceptionally good value... 98c

White and Colored Wash Silk Blouses. Several new models of voile and organdy sizes from 36 to 52... \$1.98

White and Colored Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, made of extra heavy Georgette, with flat lace trimmings. Regular \$1 value, \$2.98
(Second Floor)



JEWELRY SHOP

Ready for Christmas. Hundreds of good values. These are just a few samples.

The newest Festoon Necklaces, gold filled, several designs, set with assorted stones, soldered link chain... \$1.00
Gold Filled Bracelets, engraved designs, popular with misses and children... 50c
Men's Cuff Links and Scarf Pins set in fancy boxes, 50c

An Umbrella Makes a Very Acceptable Gift

Useful? What Could Be More So?

Women's Umbrellas in tulle silk, plain or sterling trimming handle... \$1.50
Women's Gloria Silk Umbrellas in fast colors; various kinds of handles... \$2.00
Women's Union Silk Umbrellas in all the newest handles... \$4.00 and \$5.00
Women's Colored Silk Umbrellas in navy blue, purple, green and red... \$3.50 and \$4.00
Women's Colored Border Silk Umbrellas, extra fine quality... \$5.00
Men's Silk Umbrellas, plain or fancy handle... \$3.00 and \$4.00
Men's Union Silk Umbrellas, large assortment of handles to choose from... \$1.50 to \$2.00



TOILET ARTICLES

Hair Brushes with French bristles, \$2.25 to \$5.00
Mirrors... \$1.50 to \$5.00
Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets, \$5.00 to \$10.00
Manicure Sets (combined) \$20.00 to \$25.00
De Vilbiss Atomizers, efficient and economical for applying perfume and toilet water, cut glass, 79c to \$4.00
Violet Extract in bud vases, 75c, \$1.25
American and Imported Perfumes and Toilet Waters in dainty and attractive packages.

BASEMENT

Special sale of Angora Tam o' shan-lers at... 39c

This lot consists of all new, up to the minute styles in headgear for sport wear. They are to be sold at less than 1-3 of the regular cost. Colors are oxford, brown, navy and several other shades.

Merino Sweaters, sizes 6 to 14, \$1.00
Children's Wool Sweaters, extra good value... \$1.50
Children's Knitted Leggings, all wool. Special... 50c
White Hand Knitted Shawls (ice wool, 4 yard square. Special \$1.00

\$3 SWEEPER \$1.00

\$3.00 quality "Hygena" mahogany finish Metal Carpet Sweepers, a limited quantity to sell for \$1.00

Bissell Sweeper

We carry a complete assortment of Bissell Carpet Sweepers at lowest prices.

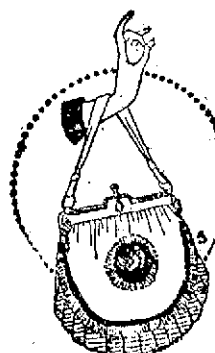
Pneuvac Vacuum Sweepers, a limited quantity:
\$6.50 kind for... \$5.00
\$8.50 kind for... \$7.00
\$10.50 kind for... \$9.00

NECKWEAR

A special lot of Stocks and Jabots made of imported laces, very new, \$1.50 value; for Friday and Saturday... \$1.29
Misses' Skating Sets in rose, green, open, white, regular \$1.00 value, for... 77c

Hundreds of Chalifoux Values Like These in Our Complete

Holiday Leather and Novelty Shop



Pin Seal Purse, in the envelope or hand bag style... \$3.00
Chiffon Velvet Hand Bags, assorted colors and styles with silk linings and purse and mirror... \$3.50
Children's Hand Bags, in fancy colored silk and velvets... 50c

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN

The Lowell anti-tuberculosis council has started its annual campaign to sell Red Cross Christmas seals and headquarters have been established at the board of trade rooms in Central street. Mrs. Franklin Nourse is the lady in charge of the campaign this year and already a number of the seals have been disposed of. The school children of the city have taken hold of the campaign in great shape and the seals have also been put on sale in the various stores downtown. The seals cost—well what you want to pay for them. You can have them for a cent if you choose. The seals are designed primarily for Christmas packages, but may be affixed to the backs of letters. There is more need than ever this year for a large sale of the seals because of the unusual conditions attendant upon the war. Because of the scarcity of food, people who are subject to tuberculosis will not receive as much nourishment as they should have and as a result the deadly evil will be allowed to gain headway. In order to prevent this suffering as much as possible as well as to carry on the regular work of normal times, the local council, together with councils all over the country, appeals for the support of this most worthy cause.

Cutting out liquor will do more to win the war than anything else. Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

ASSEMBLY AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR BENEFIT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW

An assembly and entertainment was held in high school hall at recess today for the benefit of the Review, the monthly publication of the students at the Kirk street school. The affair was confined for the most part to students of the school and was under the supervision of the teachers. The high school orchestra, Paul Angelo, leader, furnished music for the occasion and a substantial amount was raised as a result of the entertainment.

At a meeting of the 1 men of the high school held this morning, Carl Thum, star tackle of this year's team, was chosen captain for the 1918 season. Thum has played as a consistent game all season and was especially prominent in the Thanksgiving day game with Lawrence.

Nominations for class officers of the 1918 graduating class will be made at recess next Thursday and on the following Thursday elections will take place.

High School Debate

The Greenfield Debating society of the Lowell high school held its debate in high school hall this afternoon at 3:15 on the subject: Resolved, That the Massachusetts legislature should pass a law to have compulsory physical training in the public schools.

The affirmative was upheld by Donald McLean, Herbert Harris and William Abrams, the negative by Sarah Lightman, Anastasia Murphy and Lillian Moran. President Paul Angelo presided and after the transaction of routine business the speakers were introduced. The judges were Messrs. McKinley, Thompson and Chilton. The high school faculty, Miss Ruth Turner and Miss Mary McPherson, entertained with solos and a reading.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Civil service examinations for engineers for public buildings, janitors, water inspectors and clerks for the service of Lowell were held in the old councilmanic chamber at city hall this morning under the direction of Deputy Examiner Dennis O. Dooley. The examinations were started at 9 o'clock and were brought to a close at 1 o'clock. One man took the examination for engineer, 15 for janitor, 1 woman for janitor, 4 for water inspector and 18 for clerk, 6 men and 12 women.

Every patriotic man is saying: "I am going far for duration." Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

Stirred by the report of the county fuel administration that short weight coal had been sold in Hellen, Mont., the city council recently adopted an ordinance providing that coal and all other articles sold in bulk in the city must be weighed on the city scales.

STURDY COAT OF WOOL AND FUR

BY BETTY BROWN.

Silks, velvets, and satins are beautiful to see and pleasing to wear, but with winter we gladly abandon the blandishments of silk for the solid comfort of wool and fur. Here is shown a coat which convinces one



that who enters its confines leaves chills behind. Of soft, heavy wool velvet, with broad, loose belt and substantial collar, this coat is further reinforced with fur at the collar and cuffs, and a bit at the hem. Pockets are cleverly inset at the side front seam and the fastening is the most popular place in any garment to fasten just now, from orange collar to ulster coat.

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Leading
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GIVE HER THE GIFT SHE LOVES—Your Christmas gift to be ideal must please, and nothing will please more than a dainty blouse from our large varied assortments.

WAISTS

Jackets, frills, ruffles, embroidered models, large sailor collars, new roll collars, fancy cuffs, high-low effects, strictly tailored designs, suit creations, Roman stripes, plaids and what not, in Georgette crepe, crepe de chine voile, satin, taffeta, silk, lace, linen, etc., in colors galore. Sizes from 34 to 56.

- Hundreds of Crisp New Voile Blouses, at 98c
- A Novel Assortment of Creations in voile and silk, at \$1.98
- A line complete in every detail, in Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe, Lace and Duchesse Satin, Stripes and Plaids, at \$2.98
- A showing not to be equalled for value in heavy Crepe de Chine, and Georgette, at \$3.98
- A Gift She will Adore can be selected from our luxurious showing of dainty Blouses in extra heavy Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe, Satin and Novel combinations, at \$4.98
- A splendid assortment of fastidious and distinctive modes up to \$15.00 Remember, sizes from 34 to 56.

DO NOT FAIL TO VISIT THIS MODERN GIFT GARDEN, WHERE EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS AND WELCOMES YOU.

POLICE COURT

Continued
Injuries to the motor vehicle law by endangering lives and safety of the public, recaptured in court this morning. According to the testimony offered at the previous hearing, Smith was operating an automobile and in passing a car which was being repaired at Kenwood on the night of November 17, he ran into and knocked down Ethel R. Joy, a resident of Kenwood, who was attempting to board an electric car in the vicinity of Merrimack avenue. She sustained injuries which necessitated her being removed to St. John's hospital, Mr. Smith placing her in his car and taking her to that institution. Judge Enright, this morning, said that he had viewed the location of the accident, and after taking into consideration the testimony offered in the case, found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

Charged With Manslaughter
Lisle B. Streeter was charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Michael Lynch in Gorham street, near the postoffice, on October 25. An inquest was held before Judge Enright and the finding was that Streeter was not criminally negligent. Counsel for the defense also informed the court that Streeter had been given a hearing before the state highway commission and the latter had found that he was not negligent and returned a license to him. The court, after reading the report of the inquest and learning of the disposition of the case by the state highway commission, found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

Breaking and Entering
Joseph Judge entered a plea of not guilty to a complaint charging him with breaking and entering a house at 227 Adams street, with intent to steal from John Dalianos. According to Patrolmen Kennedy and Abbott, Judge entered the house at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and as a result of a complaint made they went to the room in question and found Judge with a coat and vest belonging to the complainant, Judge being about to leave the place. While he put up no battle upon being arrested, when he reached the police station he attempted to make an escape, but his intentions did not materialize. The defendant said he was under the influence of liquor yesterday, he wanted to go to sleep and a friend, whose name he did not know, offered to allow him to sleep in the room in which he was found by the officers. He said he had no intention of stealing the clothing.

According to the records, Judge was sentenced to three months in jail last May for larceny, and later was brought before the court for drunkenness.

He was found guilty and sentenced to five months in the house of correction.

Swapped Blows

A lively fist encounter took place at the freight houses of the Boston & Maine railroad on Thornhill street yesterday, and as a result, Carriers Laortez was hauled before the court on a complaint charging him with assault and battery on John Coulter, but after the court heard the testimony in the case and considered the evidence, he found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

John Coulter and his son were removing freight when Laortez put in an appearance and immediately there was an argument. Coulter and his son claim that they were assaulted by Laortez, but the latter and one of the employees at the freight house claimed that the Coulters were to blame.

Other Offenders

In the case of Morris Schulman, charged with assault and battery on Michael Schriker on November 24,

the court found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

Samuel Cohen was charged with assault and battery on William Goodman on November 14, but after the evidence in the case had been considered, the court found Cohen not guilty.

Is it fair to be indulging ourselves when the men in uniform are prohibited? Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

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IS ON SALE
AT THE
NORTH STATION
BOSTON

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE
Easily at the head of spectacularly realistic acts on the vaudeville stage at the present time is "The Forest Fire," which is creating a tremendous impression at the B. F. Keith theatre this week. The acting of the tense little story leading up to the big scene is specially good, and too much praise cannot be given to Sylvia Bidwell, who has the very important role of the telegraph operator. However, the entire cast is most satisfactory. But it is the big scene which sweeps everyone before it. The engine rushing across the stage, endeavoring to break the ranks of the advancing flames, and the thrilling rescue of the people in the doomed village are the main points of this big scene. Langdon McCormick, who invented all of the accessories of the act, is present during the act, and sees to it that everything goes according to program. The remainder of the bill is of much merit. Charles F. Semon, the thin fellow who plays many different kinds of instruments, lends a fine comedy air, and Lew Madden & Co. in "Monday Morning" mix comedy, music and a touch of pathos. The Garinetti

Brothers are excellent trampoline performers, and the Cooney Sisters sing. The picture feature is "The Auction Block," after the novel of the same name by Rex Beach. Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE
"Her Unborn Child," Howard Mc-Kent Barnes' greatest comedy drama success, which is being given with a full cast and without a scene or line omitted from the original manuscript, is creating no end of favorable comment among the thousands of theatre-goers of the city. If you have not seen this wonderful production, do so at once. It is here for one week only. No better dramatic endeavor, or more enjoyable humor was ever offered a local audience by a stock company than is being given by the New Emerson Players during this week's presentation. The shifts from laugh-provoking scenes and situations to the deepest pathos and dramatic effects punctuate the entire four acts. Miss Laurette Browne Hall's portrayal of the rather unpopular "Miss Livingston" is accomplished with commendable skill. She carries through her work with most satisfying results and does much in cleverly building up material on which the argument for right is brought home by the only characters of the play. Miss Hall is winning new friends weekly and in her latest characterization is earning the rich reward for her exceptionally good endeavors. "The Other Wife," the attraction

extraordinary of the stock stage, will be next week's offering by the Players. Those who are in a position to know unhesitatingly place this play in the class with the very best and strongest dramatic successes of the country. The local production will be the only one, outside of the Chicago and New York runs, to be enjoyed by patrons in the country for the present. Arrange to see it. Tel. 241.

THE STRAND

All building records in America, in Europe, in the whole wide world, were smashed to bits in the construction of the huge cantonments in which the American soldiers are housed and trained preliminary to their departure overseas for the front in France. Think of it, a vast military city capable of housing 40,000 men, started and finished in 52 days! Think of the thousands of men, thousands of horses, hundreds of machines working night and day, seven days a week to get the job done on time. Think of a quiet countryside changed in the twinkling of an eye from a timber and meadowland to a bustling, hurrying, scurrying city full of pulsating life in less than two months! Think of the brains, the resistless speed, the volcanic energy, necessary to plan such a job and rush it to completion within the specified time. And then think of being able to see all this before your own eyes on the motion picture screen! This is what you will see at The Strand for the week-end, when "Over Here," the big, timely, patriotic picture is shown. "Over Here" shows one of the cantonments in the course of construction. It shows the whole job from the planning of the first blue print to the completion of the work and the arrival of the U. S. Soldiers. It shows the building of railroads, the transporting of the needed hundreds of tons of supplies, the gangs of men, the army of motor trucks, the speed and hustle and power of the whole procedure. "Over Here" is devoid of war scenes, but it shows war in the making, the vast complicated and enormous machinery which has been set in motion by the national government to raise and train the army which will give the final wallop to the enemy. It shows one of the biggest undertakings in all history rushed to a successful completion with an almost unbelievable speed.

Arthur Ashley, the big moving picture actor and producer, now identified with the World Film corporation, William A. Brady, director general, will appear in person at the afternoon and night performance next Monday. Mr. Ashley will give a short talk on "The Production of Photo-Plays" and then hold a reception in the lobby to which patrons are cordially invited.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's Asso. Bldg. Hovey banjos, Wynman's Exchange. The meeting of the Mercantile Clerks' association, which was scheduled to be held in Mathew Temperance institute hall last evening, was postponed until next Tuesday evening. Examiners Hubbell and Atkins-n of the state highway commission came to city hall this morning, and in the course of the day they examined is men who wished to secure a chauffeur's license. The men were from various cities along the Merrimack valley. A stereocicon machine has been set up in the window of the war work headquarters in Merrimack street and pictures showing the evil of liquor to the man in uniform are being shown in the interest of the no-liquor campaign in this city. The work is under the auspices of the war work committee. An alarm from box 513 shortly before 8:30 o'clock last night was for a smoking stove in the home of James J. Shovel, at 149 Middlesex street. A defective draft filled the house with smoke and when the windows were raised in order to allow the smoke to escape some one thinking that there was a fire in progress pulled in the alarm. An alarm from box 89, at 5:01 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a tenement at 12 Oak street occupied by William Desmond and family. The fire, which had its origin in the sitting room of the apartment, was caused by children playing with matches and had gained considerable headway before the alarm was sounded. The fire was confined to the sitting room, but before the flames were extinguished the contents had been destroyed. No-License for duration of war. Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer



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KARL: "NOW WHAT WAS IT THE COON SAID TO DAVY CROCKETT, THAT TIME?"

EXACT NUMBER OF DEAD MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Smouldering ruins and piles of debris of demolished houses continued today to give up their dead—victims of yesterday's explosion aboard the French line munitions-laden steamship *Mont Blanc* following a collision in the narrows of Halifax harbor with the Belgian relief steamer *Imo*—in such numbers as to surpass any disaster on this continent in recent years.

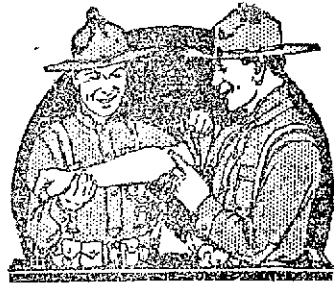
Estimates of the number of dead at 2000 or more appeared to be borne out by the rapidly rising number of increasing number of deaths reported from hospitals, private homes, churches and schools where hundreds of injured are being cared for by their more fortunate townsmen and members of relief parties. The exact number of dead, it appeared certain today might never be known on account of the many persons—entire families in some instances—of whom no trace will ever be found other than charred bones in the ruins of their homes.

U. S. Sailors Aid Officials

Relief parties continued the work of search among the injured which they found in the devastated Richmond and Dartmouth sections of the city. Aid from the outside in the form of teams of supplies dispensed fears of a food shortage and left the city government officials free to direct the rescue work, in which soldiers and sailors and police are being assisted by bluejackets from an American warship in the harbor.

All Children in School Killed

Over the flame-swept area of Richmond of approximately two and a half square miles many searchers confined their efforts today to making sure that all the injured were removed to hospitals.



Resinol

surely did knock out that eczema

Three days ago, my arm was simply covered with red, itching eruption and I thought I was up against it for fair. But Joe had a jar of Resinol in his kit. I used a little and the itching stopped right off. In the morning most of the redness was gone and a couple more applications finished it up.

Resinol is sold by all druggists.

Other organized parties sought these bodies that might be identified. In this section, extending from pier 8 back to Gottingen street, not a building was left standing and here was the greatest loss of life. Scores of the injured were taken from the ruins of the railway station, the railway of the American Sugar Refinery Co., the military gymnasium and the Arona rink, while few if any, of the several hundred children attending the Richmond school are known to have escaped.

Across the narrows in the town of Dartmouth the results of the damage done by the force of the explosion became more apparent today, while reports from towns and villages within a radius of 100 miles indicate that the force of the impact was felt and in some cases resulted in property damage.

The explosion occurred in the narrow, a point in the harbor less than half a mile wide. On the north shore is the town of Dartmouth, on the south shore the Richmond section of the city. Slipping land on each side of the narrows forms in effect a trough, which served to confine the blast and increase its intensity and destructiveness.

The main waterfront buildings, great piers for loading ships and warehouses for munitions and supplies are located south of the narrows, and they escaped the full force of the blow. While these piers and storehouses are damaged considerably, it was learned today that the facilities for loading, transshipping and munition ships are not so badly crippled as was at first believed.

SNOW STORM IMPEDES RESCUE WORK

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Fires were still burning in the sections of Halifax which were devastated by yesterday's disastrous munitions-ship explosion. A heavy snow storm set in early this morning seriously impeding the work of rescuing the injured and recovering the bodies of the dead.

The snow fall, however, comes as an aid to the firemen in quenching the flames in the ruins.

Special trains, bringing doctors, nurses and medical supplies arrived here today from Moncton, Truro and Windsor. Other special trains have been sent with injured persons to Windsor and other places where there are large hospitals.

There is wreck and ruin on every side. Every building in the city is damaged—glass broken, plaster down, windows and doors shattered. Business is suspended and will be for days. All schools and colleges have been closed until after New Year's.

No new estimate of the dead and injured was available here this morning.

Sailors from an American warship in port are on patrol duty in all the streets. All the power plants are idle.

DETAILS OF HORRORS BY EYE WITNESSES

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7.—Eye-witnesses of the Halifax explosion reaching here today told details of the horrors through which they passed. In the party were 11 young women students from Mt. St. Vincent academy, including Miss Catherine White and Miss Dorothy McKenzie, of Dorchester, Mass.

Edmond P. Barry, a St. John postal clerk, was at Richmond during the worst of the catastrophe. "It was terrible," he said. "People were dying in our car like flies. Some of them came to the place with noses shot off, eyes put out, faces slashed with flying glass, limbs torn and distorted. On one occasion while we were working around a wreckage of building we could see a little baby 50 feet or more underneath a burning mass, crying for aid. We could not get within 50 feet of the child and had to watch while it burned to death. Men and women and children were lying on the streets and hundreds must be buried beneath wreckage."

Crash Due to Mixed Signals

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—The munitions ship *Mont Blanc*, which figured in the crash in Halifax harbor, which resulted in yesterday's disaster, was a vessel of 2200 net tons.

The crew of the vessel escaped. The pilot declared the crash was due to a confusion of signal whistles. The *Mont Blanc* arrived at a United States Atlantic port Nov. 9. No details are available of her movements since that date. The vessel was owned by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. She was built at Middlesex in 1895 and her gross tonnage was 2121. She was 320 feet long.

The relief ship which collided with the *Mont Blanc* was the *Imo*.

Tremendous Property Damage

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 7.—No accurate statement of the number of persons killed and wounded as a result of the blowing up of the French munitions steamer *Mont Blanc* in Halifax harbor yesterday, after collision with the Belgian relief steamer *Imo*, was available here early today. Estimates made by hundreds of survivors who came here during the day and night vary from 2000 to 5000 killed and wounded. Property damage, chiefly along the waterfront and in the manufacturing, wholesale and residential districts, will reach several million dollars.

Truro Centre of Relief Activities

Truro, a manufacturing town of 6000 inhabitants, the nearest place of importance to Halifax, was made a centre of relief activities. This is a leading junction point of provincial railways and on the direct line from Halifax to New Brunswick, Quebec and points in the United States. It was from here that the first doctors, nurses and laborers were sent to the stricken city.

It was impossible to care for all the injured persons in Halifax, where the hospitals were quickly overwhelmed, and a large number were sent to Truro for treatment. One train brought 200. Arrangements were hastily made to care for these and to extend hospitality to the many homeless ones, women and children who came here as quickly as they could get away from Halifax. Railway facilities were taxed to their utmost. Canadian government railway officials and employees worked all night and put into service every available piece of rolling stock.

Rush Food to Victims

Steps were taken today to rush to Halifax all the food that could be obtained. Refugees said that many people were without food and that the need of a large supply from outside was urgent. Supplies of clothing and blankets also went forward as rapidly as possible. Although the weather remained fair the temperature was

below freezing and there was much suffering over here from the thousands whose homes had been wrecked. The work of the railroad men included making arrangements to expedite the movement across the peninsula of relief trains from St. John, N. B., and other points. The relief train from Massachusetts cannot arrive here before this evening.

Fire Still in Progress

The latest reports received here indicated that the conflagration in Halifax was brought under control last night, although fires were still in progress in several parts of the city. Apparently the flames were chiefly in the Richmond district. Firemen from Truro, accompanied by many volunteers, assisted in fighting the fires.

Bodies of U. S. Sailors

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 7.—A telegraph operator over here from Halifax by the Western Union Telegraph Co. said today that he saw the bodies of several sailors of the United States navy who had been killed by the explosion yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Reports to the navy indicate there was no American ship in the harbor of Halifax at the time of the explosion and officials are inclined to think that if American sailors had been caught in the blast it would have been reported in the

RED BLOODED MEN WIN OUT

They Are Always on Top

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early despatch from a naval commander who went in to help after hearing the detonation 52 miles at sea.

850 On Ship At Halifax Safe

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Word that the passengers and crew of the Holland-American line steamer *New Amsterdam* are safe in Halifax, was received at the local offices of the line today.

It was known the *New Amsterdam* had arrived in Halifax some days ago, but in absence of word of her clearing the port, officials of the line had feared for the safety of the 350 members of the ship's crew and her 300 passengers. The ship also carried a cargo of 10,000 tons of grain for the relief of Belgium.

We are at war and No-License is a war measure. It means less waste and better protection. Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

TRANSLATES BIBLE INTO MALAY TONGUE

W. G. Shellhear, who devoted 13 years to translating the Bible into the Malay tongue, has just returned to the



United States after 30 years in Singapore as a Methodist missionary.

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LOWELL MAN SHOTS 270-POUND BUCK IN THE GROTON WOODS

Another young king of the forest bit the dust yesterday when a fine, well set-up buck, weighing 270 pounds dropped in his tracks at the crack of a Lowell man's gun. Groton was the scene of the tragedy and the man with the gun was Joseph Carpenito. Mr. Carpenito, in company with Harry Gonzales and Assistant City Clerk William McCarthy, started to the woods yesterday morning in search of big game. They had heard the call of the wild and answered in person. Shortly after entering the woods, the two young bucks in question, more curious than cautious, took a view of the intruders

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220 CENTRAL STREET
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IMPERSONATED OFFICER

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—J. Francis Toomey pleaded guilty yesterday to impersonating an officer in the United States army and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kas. He led a gay life at leading clubs and hotels, using bogus checks. His home is said to be at Elmira, N. Y.

Old Soldier Gives Recommendation

Gustav Wangelin, Commander of G. A. R. Post, Pineville, Ill., writes: "I highly recommend Foley's Kidney Pills, which I prefer to all others I have used and consider them Johnny on the spot." Foley's Kidney Pills give quick relief from backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, lameness, pains in groin and muscles, all other symptoms of kidney trouble and sleep disturbing bladder ailments. They assist nature in restoring strength and vitality. F. L. Burdick, 418 Middlesex St. and Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central St.

NEEDS OF DEPENDENT NEGRO SOLDIERS TO BE CARED FOR BY \$2,000,000 FUND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Needs of dependent negro soldiers are to be cared for by a \$2,000,000 fund being raised by the National Colored Soldiers' comfort committee with headquarters here.

George Topjian is the tailor to have make your overcoat or suit. He will please you.

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Wide full animal shapes, capes and collarettes

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In pillow, melon and round effects

20.00 Red Fox Scarfs	12.50	20.00 Natural Scarfs and Muffs	12.50	30.00 Black Skunk Scarfs and Muffs	18.50	25.00 Hudson Seal Muffs	18.50	50.00 Taupe Wolf Sets	37.50	40.00 Natural Opossum Sets	25.00	100.00 Taupe Wolf Sets	75.00	7.50 Black Narobia Muffs	4.98
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Other Odd Pieces Specially Priced in Muffs and Scarfs, 4.98 to 35.00

Children's Fur Sets in Natural Animal Skins and Imitation Ermine, 1.98 to 14.98

Coats

Reductions in our stock of high grade sample coats make possible these wonderful values. Some trimmed with natural raccoon collars, others with coney, plush or self collars; materials in velour, silver tip, Bolivia, warm molton cloth, pom pom and silk plush.

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Dainty voile, sheer batiste and poplin in pretty high and low neck dressy models or strictly tailored effects.

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Pretty Georgette, crepe de chine, striped and plain taffeta or satin, also sample net blouses included in this extraordinary showing, values to 5.98.

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Dresses

Extraordinary purchases of a high grade New York maker's entire sample stock, enables us to offer Saturday, 267 Fine French Serge, Satin and Taffeta Street Dresses and 35 Party Costumes at less than half their value. Placed on sale at these remarkable prices,

9.70 12.50 14.70

Sensible Christmas Suggestions

We suggest a dainty Tea Apron of fine lawn or dotted Swiss. Specially priced..... 25 to .98

We suggest the new Collarette or Neckwear in fine voile, lace or satin. Specially priced .50 to 1.98

We suggest a Beacon Blanket Bathrobe, warm and comfortable, lace and satin trimmed. Specially priced, 2.95 to 5.95

We suggest a fine Sweater, new styles, in slip on, coat and middie effects, all colors. Specially priced, 3.75 to 9.75

We suggest a dainty satin Camisole in white or flesh color, pretty lace trimmed..... .59 to 1.98

Christmas Suggestions For Girls and Children

Girls' Pretty Wash Dresses..... .98 to 2.98

Girls' Street and Party Dresses 2.98 to 12.98

Girls' Slip-on and Coat Sweaters 2.98 to 5.98

Black Rubber Coats and Capes 2.98 to 3.98

Girls' High Grade Sample Coats, reduced to 3.98 5.99 9.98

Repricing Our Entire Stock of Suits for Quick Clearance Friday and Saturday

Materials in fine broadcloths, velour de lain, hurella cloth and tricotine, in black, navy, brown, taupe and plum; all silk lined. Models, one and two of a kind. Formerly priced 18.50 to 39.50,

12.50 14.50 24.50

HALIFAX DISASTER

ing the day. The special train sent from Boston by direction of Gov. McCall of Massachusetts will arrive this evening.

Business Suspended; Schools Closed

Virtually all business is suspended and the schools are closed, while the inhabitants generally are turning their attention to relief work. Soldiers and sailors, including seamen from an American warship which rushed to the port when it received word of the disaster, are patrolling the stricken district and aiding in the rescue work.

All Over in Ten Seconds

William Barton, former telegraph editor of the Montreal Gazette and now traveling auditor for the Canadian Imperial munitions board, related today his experiences during the explosion. He was at breakfast in the Halifax hotel.

"In ten seconds it was all over," Mr. Barton said. "A low, rumbling, a quack, then an indescribable vibration, then an indescribable noise, followed by the fall of plaster and the smashing of glass. A cry went up: 'A German bomb.' A rush for the door, heading down the hallway amid falling pictures, glass and plaster, to the swinging doors of a few seconds before, now ripped from their hinges, through great projecting triangular pieces of glass to the street. Here I found myself with a burden. How she had come into my arms I do not know, yet here she was, hysterically shrieking: 'Oh, my poor sister, my poor sister!'"

"Outside, overhead a giant smoke cloud was moving northward, danger seemed over.

I crossed the road, laid my feminine burden on a doorstep and returned to the hotel. My aid for I was unscathed, was possibly needed far more there. I made my way upstairs to the rooms of two friends. The rooms were vacant. Once more I was in the street, meeting my companions on the threshold. They, too, were unscathed.

Wounded Everywhere

"Our plans were quickly made. We were off to the immediate vicinity of the disaster—for among many theories, we accepted as most plausible the blowing up of a munition ship. Towards Citadel Hill we wended our way and the farther we went the more horrible the aftermath. The improvised stretcher met us on all sides, converging into the main thoroughfares from the highways and byways. The wounded were everywhere; but most of these unfortunates could hobble or walk. We kept on.

"Our hurry-scurry had led to the armory. Here the khaki-clad men were already on parade, many of the soldiers showing wounds bound with bandkerchiefs.

Grim Work Ahead

"As we passed they were already on the march toward the more devastated area. The order had gone forth: 'Commandeer all vehicles, automobile or horse.' A cordon was drawn across the streets and passengers were forced to alight and resume their journey afoot. There was grim work ahead."

Fire Breaks Out in 100 Places

It was established today that it was 25 minutes after the explosion before the fire broke out. At the first shock houses rocked, vessels broke from their moorings, bits of shells whistled through the air, buildings fell upon their occupants, shrieks and screams rose for a moment with the awful din and in all parts of the city, men, women and children ran in the streets, many of them insouciantly clad. Then fire broke out in a hundred places.

People Flee to Safety

Orders were at first given that everybody should flee to the south of the city, and in a short time, Barrington street was crowded with people fleeing to safety. Every variety of vehicle was pressed into service for the sick and injured. The widest rumors were in circulation and every corner of Halifax was immediately surrounded.

When, later, automobiles brought the good word that the danger was under control, the crowds returned to find their homes a mass of wreckage or in ruins and relatives dead or wounded.

Reports 5000 Killed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Five thousand are believed to have been killed in the explosion in Halifax harbor and the fire which swept North Halifax and Dartmouth, N. S., according to reports from a naval commander, receiving the navy department early today. The navy dispatch said these figures had not been verified, however.

The report which came from a naval commander who was at the explosion, stated from a point 50 miles of Halifax and Dartmouth was destroyed and all later proceeded to the harbor to render aid. It said that all of North Halifax and Dartmouth were destroyed, three ships sunk and many others damaged.

"The ruins of buildings are now burning fiercely in North Halifax," the dispatch concludes.

The report as given out by the navy



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If you're needing a coat, or expect to need one next winter, it will be money saved to buy now.

Other coats as low as \$15.
Stein-Bloch coats, \$22.50 to \$35.
Sheepskin lined ulsters, \$25, \$27.50.

MEN'S BATHROBES

Christmas shoppers will find here a splendid selection of smartly styled, well tailored robes for men. Prices are moderate, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$12.

Selection made now will be held on payment of a deposit and delivered when wanted.

D. S. O'Brien Co.

222 Merrimack Street

MASS. RELIEF SPECIAL DELAYED BY WRECK

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 7.—The relief train sent to Halifax by Gov. McCall and the state public safety committee of Massachusetts was delayed for ten minutes early today by a freight wreck on the Maine Central railroad at Brunswick Junction, 12 miles from here. The train passed through Waterville shortly after 3 a. m.

Five freight cars had been derailed just ahead of the train, and the tracks were piled high with wreckage. Telegraph poles also had been knocked down cutting off communication between this city and Bangor.

The relief train was able to pass around the wreck and was on its way to the city by 4 a. m.

It was over all other traffic. It left Bangor at 8:30.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 7.—The special relief train sent to Halifax by Gov. McCall of Massachusetts, passed through here early today. It was due to cross into New Brunswick at Yarmouth at 9 a. m. and should reach Halifax early tonight.

Further Relief to Halifax

BANGOR, Dec. 7.—Plans for extending further relief to the stricken city of Halifax were taken up at a meeting today of the executive board of the state committee on public safety and the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid association. The meeting was called by Henry H. Hubbard, executive manager of the safety committee, after he had sent a dispatch to the city officials of Halifax announcing that a special relief train was on its way and expressing the state's willingness to extend aid further and that might be necessary.

Gov. McCall announced that he had appointed Robert Winsor of this city treasurer of the Halifax relief fund.

Send Red Cross Nurses

BANGOR, Dec. 7.—Red Cross officials here are endeavoring to send more personnel and nurses to Halifax. It was learned that further assistance was necessary. James J. Leach, head of the Red Cross division after conferring with officials of the organization at Washington stated that he was only awaiting word as to the number and condition of the injured to send a full contingent of nurses without delay. It is expected that the Red Cross will be able to acquire further assistance.

EXPLOSION HEARD 75 MILES FROM SCENE

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 7.—The explosion in Halifax was heard 75 miles from the scene of the disaster. The explosion was heard in the telephone and telegraph offices for 20 miles around Bangor, while it was heard at Bangor, 75 miles distant. The sound of the explosion was heard at North Bangor, 75 miles from the scene of the disaster. The explosion was heard in many places caught by the force of the concussion was so great that freight cars were blown off tracks and a stretch of nearly two miles. Although asking for no aid, the explosion caused hospital patients and other persons from Bangor to be evacuated to the city.

The damage done to the Western Canada and Canadian Pacific Telephone companies and New Scotia Telephone company is so complete that it is likely to be a long time before communication with the outside world can be restored.

Many people here are saying "I am dry for duration." Advertisement, Otto Hockmeyer.

When you want a better made suit or overcoat, see George Foytner, corner of Main and Appleton streets. Every one is guaranteed.

DREAMS HAPPENS



WHEN YOU RETURN FOR THE CHANGE YOU LEFT

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors will be held at the state house in Boston, next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and it is expected that assessors from every part of the state will attend. Dinner will be served, the election of officers will be held and an address will be delivered.

by Deputy Bond of the Income tax department. Assessors Blazon, O'Sullivan and Hogan of this city will attend.

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This is to inform you that I have opened a hardware and paint store, situated at 442 Merrimack St., opposite the City Library.

The same courteous treatment will be accorded to all patrons who have previously patronized this establishment, with which I have been connected for the past 24 years.

Many new up-to-date changes have been made and I will endeavor to give the best service possible.

The patronage of the public is solicited and I will do everything possible to prove worthy of it.

We have just received an entirely new stock of up-to-date goods, usually carried in a first class store.

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We are doing a big business in our new Waist Department and our customers tell us the values are far ahead of any in town. Waists at all prices and new styles arriving every week. Just a little ahead of the other stores with the new styles.

HIGH NECK VOILE WAISTS—Six more new styles in high neck voiles just arrived. Semi-tailored and lace trimmed high neck, long sleeves. Fine imported voiles. Priced at.....\$1.98

BLACK TUB SILK WAISTS—Made of extra good quality tub silk, tailored model with convertible collar. Price.....\$1.98

CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS in large sizes. These waists are designed and made extra full for stout figures; tailored model with sailor and convertible collars. Sizes up to 51. Price.....\$5.00

Waist Department

WASHABLE SATIN WAISTS of fine quality satin in white, flesh and navy; tucked models with two-in-one collar. Price.....\$5.00

NEW WAISTS OF CREPE DE CHINE for Xmas presents, all new models, tailored and lace trimmed; colors, white, flesh, navy and black. Priced.....\$2.98 and \$3.98

HIGH NECK GEORGETTE WAISTS in suit shades with embroidered fronts; colors, navy, brown and taupe with vests of contrasting colors. Price.....\$5.00

Second Floor—Bridge

Gift Handkerchiefs

Our Great Christmas Handkerchief Store an Annual Institution

It is to this store that many people look for their handkerchief gifts. This dependence has been won through many years of exceptional service in showing of great numbers of handkerchiefs of all kinds and qualities; each one of a superior value.

Plain Ones—Embroidered Ones—Lace Trimmed, Colored and Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for Men, Women and Children.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS

Ladies' All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems, at.....25c Each

Ladies' All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 different styles, in a box, at.....50c Each

Ladies' All Linen Longfellow Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....15c Each, or 6 in a Box at 85c

Ladies' All Linen Wreath Initial Handkerchiefs, three different styles in a box, at.....25c Each, or 6 in a Box at \$1.50

Ladies' All Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....50c Each or 6 in a Box at \$3.00

Ladies' All Linen Colored Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, 4 in a Box at \$1.00

Ladies' Embroidered One Corner Effect Handkerchiefs at.....12 1/2c, 15c and 25c Each

Ladies' Colored Embroidered One Corner Effect Handkerchiefs at.....12 1/2c, 15c and 25c Each

Ladies' Embroidered Madeira Handkerchiefs at.....25c Each

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in a Box at 50c

Ladies' Sheer Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at.....25c, 35c, 50c Each

Ladies' Sheer Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1-10 inch hems, at.....25c Each

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 4 in a Box at 50c

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in a Box at \$1.00

Ladies' All Linen Embroidered One Corner Effect Handkerchiefs at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00 Each

Ladies' All Linen Hand Embroidered Madeira Handkerchiefs, at.....50c, 69c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 Each

East Section



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Plain Ones—Embroidered Ones—Lace Trimmed, Colored and Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for Men, Women and Children.

Ladies' Colored Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 different styles at.....25c Each

Ladies' Cotton Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at.....5c Each

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

Boys' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 12 1/2c Each

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a Box at 25c

Children's Silk Handkerchiefs at.....5c Each

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

Men's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems, at.....15c, 25c, 38c and 50c Each

Men's All Linen Hemstitched Extra Large Handkerchiefs, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems, at.....38c and 50c Each

Men's All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....25c Each, or 6 in a Box at \$1.50

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....12 1/2c Each, or 6 in a Box at 75c

Men's All Linen Longfellow Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....38c Each, 3 in a Box at \$1.00

Men's Hemstitched Cotton Handkerchiefs, 1/4 inch hems, at.....5c and 10c Each

Men's Japanese Khaki Handkerchiefs, at.....15c, 19c, 25c Each

Men's All Linen Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, at.....50c Each

Men's Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, at.....25c Each

Men's Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....25c and 50c Each

Men's Plain Silk Handkerchiefs, at.....25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs with colored borders, at.....\$1.00 Each

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STILL HAMMERING AT THE PRICES

Fresh Pork Loins, lb.....22c Legs Yearling Lamb, lb.....12 1/2c
Fresh Pork Shoulders, lb.....22c Fores Yearling Lamb, lb.....19c
Fresh Pork Butts, lb.....24c Chops Yearling Lamb, lb.....15c

FREE DELIVERY

Extra Fancy Selected Eggs, doz.....47c Creamery Butter, lb.....32c
Cooking Eggs, doz.....33c Mild Cream Cheese, lb.....24c

SWIFT'S PREMIUM BUTTERINE, Lb.....38c
TENDERLOINS OF BEEF, Lb.....30c
GENUINE LEGS OF SPRING LAMB, Lb.....35c
FRESH KILLED FOWL, Lb.....28c
WESTERN FOWL, Lb.....23c
TURKEYS, Lb.....25c

Campbell's Soups.....10c POTATOES, pk.....25c
Flake White Lard, lb.....23c FANCY POTATOES, pk.....30c
Native Dressed Pigs, lb.....24c Sweet Oranges, doz.....15c
Thick Ribs of Corned Beef, lb. 12 1/2c Sweet Apples.....29c
Briskets, lb.....12 1/2c Sweet Potatoes.....7 lbs. 25c
STEAKS—Sirloin, Rump, Round, lb. 20c Fancy Potatoes... 2 bushel bags \$3.50

REPORT BULGARIA AND TURKEY TO QUIT WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Both the senate and the house are expected to complete debate and adopt the resolutions declaring war against Austria-Hungary before adjournment tonight.

Interest in this, however, was overshadowed by information laid before the senate foreign relations committee by the state department yesterday afternoon to the effect that strong hope is entertained for a separate peace with Bulgaria and Turkey.

As a result of the state department information the foreign relations committee did not include Bulgaria and Turkey in the war declaration, although some members remained unconvinced as to the inadvisability of declaring war upon all of Germany's allies.

On the republican side of the committee the belief was voiced that the administration had no good ground for hoping that Turkey and Bulgaria would quit the war.

Several other reasons which were not disclosed were advanced by the state department against an immediate declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria. Some members took the view, too, that declaration of war against Bulgaria and Turkey should be embodied in separate resolutions.

Text of Senate Resolution
The text of the resolution as finally reported by the senate foreign relations committee follows:

Joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

Whereas, the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of America, in congress assembled, that a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and that the president be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire navy and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination. All resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States.

The language of the senate resolution is almost identical with that of the resolution adopted last April.

Passed Over Only for a Time
Senator Stone explained that the question of declaring war against Turkey and Bulgaria had simply been passed over for the time being, and expected to study the question thoroughly and examine information before the state department on the matter. It was understood that he member of the committee was bound by yesterday's vote to support any resolution that

may be offered for a declaration of war against all the central powers.

Senator Stone will present the Austrian resolution to the senate shortly after it meets at noon today. As a parliamentary expedient the resolution will be offered as a substitute for the resolution introduced in the senate Tuesday by Senator Pittman of Nevada on behalf of Senator King of Utah. Senator Stone will announce his consent for its immediate consideration and unless some senator of the pacifist group objects debate will proceed at once.

Senator Borah of Idaho last night gave out a statement saying he would like to see a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria as the Teutonic forces are a unit and all others come from Berlin.

BIG TEUTONIC DRIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 6. (By the Associated Press).—The big operation which the enemy is attempting in the north is virtually a repetition of the turning movement he executed six weeks ago in the great offensive above Gorizia. At that time he broke through the upper end of the line and thus endangered the lower end of the line. This is exactly the situation which is being repeated today.

The Austro-German attack on Metella not only affects the lines in that region, but if the enemy could pierce through and drive his way southward to the plains it might place him on the left flank of the Pave line. The line east of Asiago probably is stronger today than before the retirement yesterday as it is now a straight line. Formerly it was like a long irregular letter L with the Italians on the inside of the U.

It has been established that while Field Marshal von Hindenburg is directing the movement, Gen. von Kruhin's forces also are co-operating. In addition to the superiority in numbers the Austro-Germans are taking advantage of the backward season and are striking before the mountain snows impede operations. The snow is only a few inches deep whereas in December it usually reaches a depth of from four to ten feet. One such snowfall now would be worth divisions. Gray skies today indicate snow.

Austrian prisoners taken in the past few days say that the retreat of Russian soldiers is less held to the frequent ten days ago. Austria took the initiative in this without waiting for Russia to release Austrian prisoners. Each Russian prisoner was schooled carefully in Austria's desire to end the war.

The splendid showing the Italians made single-handed on the Asiago plateau is less held to the frequent ten days ago. Austria took the initiative in this without waiting for Russia to release Austrian prisoners.

An eye-witness from the Asiago gave the correspondent details of the extent of the carnage.

In one case a small detachment of Bersaglieri met the shock of an entire

Austrian regiment. Austrian Kaiser-Jagers displayed unprecedented ferocity, using stiletos as well as bayonets in these hand-to-hand fights.

But the greatest single instance of heroism and loss was in the case of several detachments of Alpini, which held Monte Castellonero against overwhelming odds until surrounded completely. Thus encircled, they made repeated charges, but the heavy surrounding lines held and the entire party was still on the mountain when the remainder of the Italian line fell back.

Conditions this morning were virtually unchanged, much depends upon the ability of the Italians to hold the passes to which they have now retired, commanding the Brenta valley and the plains.

Every patriotic man is saying: "I am going dry for duration." Advertisement. Otto Hackmeyer

SLIGHT DAMAGE IN LONDON
LONDON, Dec. 7.—Most of the damage done in London yesterday morning, in the German air raid, appears to have been the work of a single airplane which hovered over the city and dropped five explosives and two incendiary bombs. One of the explosive bombs fell near a residential block breaking windows, while an incendiary bomb falling on a wall paper and brush establishment caused a large fire. A laundry, a brewery and an occupied school and a glassware storehouse also were struck, but there were no casualties in these places.

EASTHAMPTON MAN ONE OF FIVE AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO DIE IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Deaths from natural causes of men in the army in France were reported today as follows:

Private Adolph Rodzinski, engineers, Nov. 25; heart failure; East Chicago, Ind.

Private Paul Lindley, engineers, Dec. 4; measles, complicated with broncho-pneumonia; Addy, Washin.

Mechanic Charles C. McKett, field artillery, Dec. 4; ruptured spleen, abdominal hemorrhage; Cooper, Wyo.

Private William S. Matthews, stereoregiment, Dec. 4; fracture of skull; Baltimore, Md.

Private Abner L. Clark, infantry, Dec. 2; Mrs. H. D. Clark, mother, Easthampton, Mass.

I am dry for duration. Advertisement. Otto Hackmeyer

WOULD BRING B. & M \$1,000,000

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Benjamin Campbell, traffic vice-president of the New Haven road, and George H. Eaton, assistant general freight agent of the B. & M., were the only witnesses at yesterday afternoon's session of the freight and passenger rate hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson at the federal building.

The morning was devoted by Commissioner Anderson and the members of state public service commissions present to conferences with the shippers and railroad officials.

Both Sides eager to Help
Forty shippers and representatives of chambers of commerce attended the shippers' conference, while all the New England roads were represented by officers and counsel. Both conferences were informal and private. Commissioner Anderson said that both shippers and railroad officials showed a disposition to do everything possible to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of passenger and freight rates on New England roads.

Commissioner Anderson and Mr. Campbell had a discussion on the then-current lot question and considerable statistical testimony was offered. The commissioner, turning then to the passenger question, asked Mr. Campbell to furnish figures showing the average cost per passenger per mile in Pullman cars and the same in ordinary coaches. This Mr. Campbell promised to do.

In answer to a question by Transportation Manager Chandler, the witness said he understood the rates proposed would be permanent and they were not sought as far as he knew, as a war emergency measure.

Holds I. C. C. Responsible
Mr. Eaton testified as to the geographical problems on the Boston & Maine and presented a mass of figures on freight rates. He declared that the commission of the present conditions was responsible for the present conditions in freight rates.

Asked by the commissioner if he was satisfied with the present rates as fixed by the commission in 1912, Mr. Eaton said he was not.

Mr. Eaton then went into the rate question in detail, covering the entire Boston & Maine system. He said it would take a trial of several months to determine what effect the proposed rates would have. He believed all the rates east of the Hudson should be advanced. Mr. Eaton thought the proposed rates would bring the road about \$1,000,000 added revenue.

The hearing will be resumed today.

You should have a tailor-made suit for Christmas. No better place to order than George Tordian's, corner Appleton and Central streets.

Although he is president of the Spring Valley Water company and has spent \$30,000 in a palatial residence near Crystal Springs Lake, San Mateo county, Cal., William Bowers Bourn has found that he cannot get a water supply for his new home. The problem is a big one and is also expensive. The home is about completed and will soon be ready for occupancy, provided water can be obtained.

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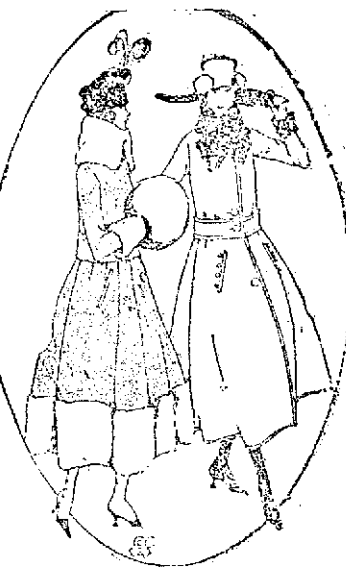
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Lowell, Friday, December 7, 1917

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MISSES' MELTON AND CHEVIOT COATS

Missses' \$15.00 and \$18.50 Coats, big plush collars; colors, brown, navy and oxford

\$12.50

MISSES' AND WOMEN'S VELOUR COATS

Heavy, warm coats, with big collars; colors, brown, oxford and navy.....

\$12.50

MISSES' AND WOMEN'S PLUSH COATS

Brown, navy, green and Burgundy heavy winter coats.....

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WOMEN'S AND MISSES' VELOUR AND POM POM COATS

Plush and Kerami collars; colors, navy, brown, green and Burgundy.....

\$18.50

\$25.00 TRICOTINE COATS FOR LARGE WOMEN

Half lined with silk; colors, navy, taupe and brown; sizes, 40 to 48.....

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\$25.00 VELOUR COATS WITH BIG CONEY COLLARS

Two-toned Velour Coats with chawl collars of Coney; colors, oxford, brown and green

\$18.50

\$30.00 VELOUR COATS

Plush, Kerami and fur collars; black, navy, brown, green and Burgundy.....

\$25.00

PLUSH AND SELETTE COATS

Women's and Misses' \$35.00 Selette Coats; Skinner lining; also plush coats in extra large sizes.....

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WOMEN'S \$30.00 AND \$35.00 ULSTERS

Women's Heavy Winter Ulsters, all wool, heavy weight mixtures, in dark two-tone colorings

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Special lot of Girls' Winter Coats, heavy mixed materials, sizes 6 to 14 years, trench model with big collar and belt

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A collection of cheviot, chinchilla and corduroy coats; sizes 6 to 14 years

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Girls' Winter Coats, of cheviot, zibeline and corduroy; sizes 6 to 14 years

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Missses' and Women's sizes; black, navy, green, plum, taupe and Copen....

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Extra fine quality serge, missses' and women's sizes; black, navy, plum, brown and green

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Brondeleth, Barella, poplin and cheviot; all \$25.00 suits originally.....

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\$40.00 WINTER SUITS

Velour, Tricotine, Barella, all shades, seal and beaver collars, original price \$40.00

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\$6.50 TAFFETA PETTICOATS

Made of heavy weight silk taffeta, all colors, lengths 36 to 42.....

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\$7.50 HEAVY WOOL SWEATERS

Made with big collar; colors, maroon, heather and navy; all sizes.....

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FOR MAYOR



To Mr. Thompson:

Patriotism—not ordinary or expedient politics—is the real issue in this campaign and it takes precedence over any that is being or can be advanced by you or by CERTAIN INTERESTS upon which, it is claimed, you rely, for your election.

In view of your remarkable and superior qualities so "modestly" admitted and so widely CIRCULATED by you in your advertisements and speeches, why don't you take your fellow citizens into your confidence and tell them frankly your views on questions and issues that so far have been the chief topic of discussion in this campaign?

SCHOOL BOARD RECORD

When you became a member of the school board in 1912 the expenditures for our school department for the year 1911 amounted to \$401,969.74. After serving two years as a member of the school board the expenditures in our school department increased to \$456,000.18, showing a net increase during your service on the school board of \$54,030.44. The board of which you were a member had the distinction of spending more money for the administration of our school system than was ever spent before in the history of the city.

In the event of your election, with the application of the same "economic" principles, can you tell your fellow citizens how much it will cost in an increased tax rate for your services as mayor?

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You'll save yourself a lot of bother if you come directly here for your Overcoat. We believe we have more Overcoats than any two stores in Lowell, and every Overcoat we sell bears our guarantee of satisfaction.

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Our great Overcoat business has made no impression on our stock, and we can please you today as well as we could earlier in the season. From now on, of course, our stock will diminish but today it's perfect.

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\$20 \$25 \$30 \$35 \$40

OTHER GOOD MAKES AT.....\$12.75, \$15, \$18, \$20

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Trench Coats, Belters, Staple Chesterfields.

Trench Models, Belters, Trench Coats and Chesterfields.

\$20 THOSE NOBBY FLANNEL SUITS—
BOTH SINGLE AND DOUBLE BREASTED, IN ALL COLORS. \$20



Our Boys' Overcoat Stock

Is complete, and we believe we can satisfy the most exacting.

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Style and Warmth.

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Velvets, Serges and Mixtures.

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MEN'S VELOUR HATS—In Black Brown and Green. Extra value.....\$5.00

LATEST TRENCH HAT for Young Men.....\$3.00

SEALSKIN CAPS.....\$5.00

FUR BAND CAPS.....\$2.50

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Holiday display now ready. Large assortment of handles and cloths.....\$1.00 to \$5.00

SUIT CASES

Fiber Cases.....\$1.00 to \$2.50
Leather Cases.....\$3.00, \$5.00, \$8.00

CLUB BAGS

Genuine Cowhide.....\$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00
Student Bags.....\$3.00 to \$5.00

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BRYAN PRAISES PRES. WILSON'S MESSAGE

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 7.—William Jennings Bryan arrived in this city from Rumford yesterday morning.

He spoke to the pupils of the high school and addressed the Bates college students in the college chapel on "Public Speaking." Last evening he gave a lecture at city hall.

In an interview yesterday afternoon he said the president's appeal to Germany was a most eloquent one and it should produce a pronounced impression. "I hope," he said, "that it will be translated into the German language and carried beyond the borders in airplanes, that it may get to these masses uncensored."

Mr. Bryan also predicted the passage by congress of both the prohibitory and woman suffrage amendments.



Everybody at our house likes Post Toasties

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended and interesting meeting of Division 1, A.O.H., was held last night in A.O.H. hall. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: President, John Joseph McOsker; vice president, Dr. Patrick J. Bagley; recording secretary, John Murphy; financial secretary, James Shuchan; treasurer, Michael P. Connelly; doorkeeper, Patrick Jarrett; physician, John P. Boyle; sick committee, Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Timothy D. Finnegan and Patrick Cullinan.

The annual dance of the division will take place on New Year's eve. John Joseph McOsker was elected general manager and James E. Bivins was elected floor director for the dance. Next Sunday at 2 o'clock in A.O.H. hall there will be a class initiation by the three divisions and the degrees will be given by the degree team from Division 12 of Wakefield.

The regular meeting of Lowell Neat of Owls was held last night in

Elks hall and was presided over by Past President R. J. Flynn owing to the absence of President C. W. Richards. Several applications for membership were received and communications from the supreme post were read. Considerable interest is being shown in the drive for new members. Nominations were made for the officers for the ensuing year, and at the next meeting there will be a lively fight for the various offices. After the meeting a social hour was held, with an entertainment under the management of Michael J. Gorman and

closing with a toast to the absent members who are now at the front.

Mooseheart Legion, 52, Auxiliary to the Loyal Order of Moose, held its regular meeting in Odd Fellows hall last night. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted. It being installation of officers for the ensuing year. The meeting was presided over by the new senior regent, Antoinette Morio, and there were remarks by several members. Following the business meeting a conference was held with the Loyal Order of Moose to organize a guild for knitting for the Moose soldiers in France, also a committee formed to

have a Christmas tree at Odd Fellows hall, Dec. 22.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of B. P. Butler Relief Corps Wednesday night, Mrs. Bessie H. Cummings presiding. Considerable routine business was transacted, and one new member was initiated. Several applications for membership were received. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, Miss Mary A. Smith; senior vice, Mrs. Minnie Burton; junior vice, Mrs. Katherine Gott; treasurer, Miss Bernice Staples; chaplain, Mrs. MacFadden; conductor, Mrs. Helena Quinn; guard, Mrs. Sarah Simmons; delegate to convention, Mrs. Elsie Streeter and alternate, Mrs. Maude Richardson.

A joint installation is to be held the first Wednesday in January, of Post 42, Corps 75 and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary 47. It was voted to have a supper and plans were made for a golden jubilee of Post 42, Jan. 15.

Arrangements were made to send a Christmas box to the Soldiers' home in Chelsea and donations to be brought to the next meeting. Communications were received from the bas-kets of fruit sent out Thanksgiving.

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BEST SET \$8.00
TEETH

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NURSE IN ATTENDANCE. OPEN EVENINGS.

ALIENS ON ELLIS ISLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Otto Julius Markel, a German writer and lecturer, and Hans Stangel, an artist and caricaturist, were interned as dangerous aliens on Ellis Island by order of John C. Knox, assistant United States district attorney. Stangel was connected with the German publication, The Zeppelin, the name of which was changed to Eiden Spiegel when the United States entered the war.

Under one of his cartoons was the statement:

"The fact that 71 per cent. of the drafted men claimed exemption shows how beautiful is the war enthusiasm of the great American people."

Markel declared that since the United States entered the war he had continued his efforts as a propagandist, seeking continuance of the teaching of German in the public schools.

UNSTEADY NERVES

Your troubled, unsettled mind, your inability to concentrate, or your fatigue from ordinary work simply shows you that the drain on your strength is greater than your system is supplying and you need the powerful, nourishing force in

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to speedily replenish the deficiency and avoid a breakdown. Scott's is all nourishment and so skillfully emulsified that it is quickly assimilated without taxing digestion and sets up strength in place of weakness.

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SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The bazaar under the auspices of the Swedish Lutheran church, which was started Wednesday evening, was brought to a close last evening. The

attendance was large and those in townist, were interned as dangerous charge of the salesladies reported a brisk business. The proceeds of the event will go toward the support of the Lutheran churches.

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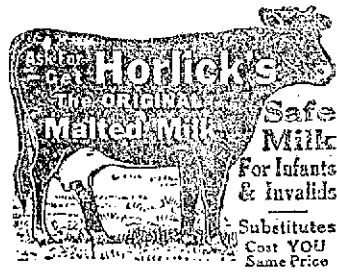
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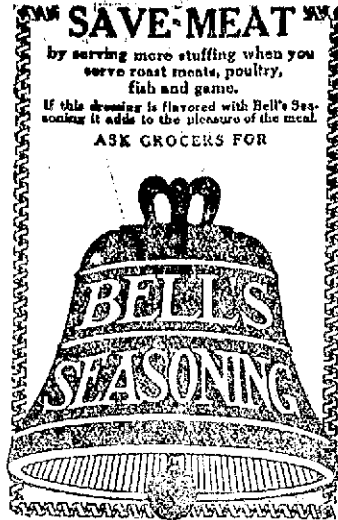
CHINESE LABOR FOR FARMS

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 7.—The proposition of Chinese labor to Massachusetts for the duration of the war, is advocated by the state board of agriculture, which today drew up a



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communication for transmission to Washington asking that the immigration laws be changed and the "bars let down." This action was the result of a conference of state agriculturists at the state house today.
Many of the farmers of the state, including those surrounding Lowell, and in other parts of Middlesex county, are in desperate condition because of the lack of labor, declares Wilfred Wheeler, secretary of the state board. It is being made to supply the deficiency by the use of high school boys in spare time and women in many instances. But there is a real, urgent need for male help which cannot be secured at any price.
Recently about 15,000 coolies were imported from China for farm work in France and 5000 others for similar work in Cuba. The strange part of it all was that they had to pass through this country on their way to France, but not one of them could be held here on account of the strict immigration laws. The coolie is a good farmhand, the secretary says, and is very apt in learning to do what is wanted of him by imitating his employer. That fact does away with the objection that Massachusetts farmers would not be able to communicate with their help because they don't understand Chinese.
Under the existing federal laws no labor of the coolie kind can be imported "for a period of more than six months" and then they must be sent back. It is just this six months' provision of the law that the state board of agriculture wants to have stricken from the law. Mr. Wheeler declared



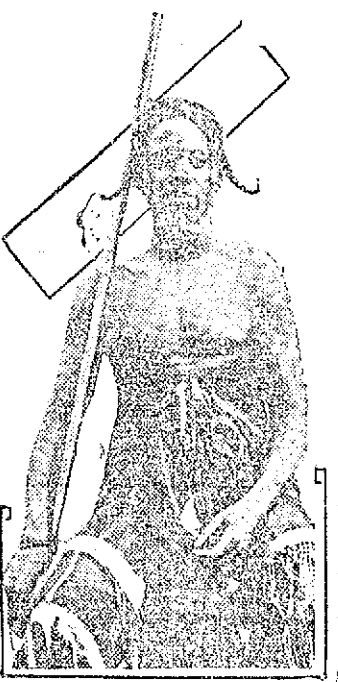
SAVE MEAT
by serving more stuffing when you serve roast meats, poultry, fish and game.
If this dressing is flavored with Bell's Seasoning it adds to the pleasure of the meal.
ASK GROCERS FOR

SECRETS OF OLDEST "BLACK HAND"

Special to The Sun
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—The diabolical practices of the oldest of all black-hand societies have been revealed here by Dr. Joseph Clark, pioneer missionary who recently came out of the far African bush for the first time in 30 years.

"Like the notorious Mafia," said Dr. Clark, "certain African secret societies can be employed to arrange the murder of any person for definite and often ridiculously low prices."

"Among the most heinous of these organizations is the Nkimbba. Its members live largely by thievery. A favorite ruse is for a band



An aboriginal black-hander from the African bush.

of the Nkimbba to rush through a native village with wild outcries—a sort of pseudo-drive on the devil. Then while the devil is being routed and the frightened villagers are scattered, the Nkimbba are stealing everything they can lay hands on.

"They rub their bodies with white clay, and when a member is seen in the act of thievery he has but to run to the sacred enclosure of the society to escape justice."

"For anyone not a member of the organization to enter this enclosure means almost certain death."

"I have several times saved both whites and natives from the murderous Nkimbba at great personal risk."

"One day I had fired at a member of the band in its depredations escaped death when a missionary pleaded for him before the village chief there."

"The Nkimbba claim they are invincible. How then could the boy have shot at someone he could not see?"

"To uphold the claim of the Nkimbba faction, the chief dismissed the charges, saying, 'Of course the boy could not have seen this man!'"

KERENSKY IS TOO SOFT HEARTED SAYS TOLSTOI

Count Ilya Tolstoy, second son of the illustrious Russian author, has just returned from an extensive survey of Russia, saying that Kerensky's fall was



due to his sentimentalism and his fear that the theory of press and speech should be curtailed.

"He was too soft on the Russian of today," said the count.

NEW BEDFORD MAN HEARS THAT FATHER AND MOTHER WERE KILLED AT HALIFAX

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 7.—Percy Steveson, a New Bedford weaver, received a telegram today from his sister in Halifax with the news that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Steveson, were killed in the Halifax explosion. Details were sent.

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Any Coat \$10
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- 2 Evening Dresses, value \$40.00
- 12 Party Dresses, estimated \$18.50
- 4 Afternoon Dresses, estimated \$19.95
- 5 Taffeta Dresses, estimated \$18.50
- 10 Serge Dresses, estimated \$17.50
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At \$19.95 and \$22.95 were fine examples of

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Many have fur collars; others have convertible collars. All are made of heavy weight materials. Navy, black, brown, green, taupe and pink. Some styles are lined throughout; others lined to waist. All sizes.

\$35 to \$45 Coats Now \$24.95

Silverstone, bolivia, high lustre broadcloth, ponge and velvet. All are richly trimmed either with fur or kerani.

Beautiful silk linings. Full sweep around bottom. Models suitable for stout figures included.

So that there may be no slackening in our Wearing Apparel Business during the Holiday season we will offer

\$18.50 & \$20 Dresses \$12.95

Beautiful new styles in satin, tulle and serge—also combination serge and satin.

A few plaids and fancy stripes. Mostly plain colors. Lace collars and trimmings. Embroidered effects. Women's and misses' sizes.

\$20 to \$30 DRESSES for \$18.50

No less than 15 styles to choose from, and the style range is so varied that it will gratify every taste. It will be well worth your while to make a personal inspection of these charming dresses.

A Men's Clothing Announcement Addressed to Women

More women in Lowell and vicinity know, appreciate, and take advantage of Chalifoux Value every day. In these days of rising prices it is of vital importance that every dollar spent be expended judiciously. You have learned that Chalifoux value means the elimination of waste in buying new clothes. Chalifoux quality makes Chalifoux value spread.

We CAN and DO give supreme values in Men's Clothing and we have 30 or 40 departments in this store among which expenses are apportioned. Consequently we do not have to charge as much for clothing as we would if our Clothing Department had to shoulder the entire expense of a store.

Mothers, Wives and Daughters who read this announcement are requested to call it to the attention of sons, husbands, fathers and brothers.

MEN'S WINTER Trench Coats \$15



The styles are belted all around, patch pockets, convertible collar, in plain blue or brown. Also fancy mixtures in single or double breasted—sizes 33 to 42. Priced \$15.00
Other Trench Coats.....\$18.00 to \$28.00

A Few More of Those Overcoats at \$10

Conservative models or box models. Plain gray and black, also fancy mixtures, plain or velvet collars. Mostly all sizes.

REAL 16 OUNCE LESTER CLOTH PANTS In gray and black stripes; sizes as small as 32 and as large as 50 waist. Well tailored. Specially priced at.....\$3.75

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR SUITS

Sizes 15 to 20 years. Consistent new models in fine all wool cassimeres, light and dark fancy mixtures, stripes and plain colors. New up-to-date homespun. \$15, \$18, \$20
Prices.....

Shopping Bags, \$1.50 to \$2.50 Club Bag, \$1.50 to \$18.00 Dress Suit Cases, \$1.50 to \$10.00
Home Coats, \$5.00 to \$15.00 Bath Robes, \$4.00 to \$10.00

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Adler-Rochester Suits or Overcoats made to your measure within 10 days. Prices \$25 to \$45



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In the December Record catalog, the Victor Talking Machine Co. says:

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"An orchestra of forty pieces was about the limit until recently; and in a symphony orchestra there are about a hundred. In the Boston Symphony there are an even hundred. After years of research and experimentation we feel that this, our latest achievement, is worthy of our best traditions, for it makes available a whole province of music which so far has remained untouched, and offers the music lover the first of a series of symphony orchestra records which far surpass any orchestral records obtainable anywhere in the world."

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- 1844—Keep the Home Fires Burning, By John McCormack.
- 1845—Somewhere in France Is Daddy, By Charles Har.
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The most expert woolen men select the goods, trained examiners see that they are perfect, they are designed by men of extraordinary ability and the tailoring is supervised by men whose knowledge of their trade is beyond approach. We know that when a P&Q garment is offered for sale it becomes a standard of value that cannot be equalled by others.

Mutual Interest—

To satisfy each customer is the greatest effort made by the P&Q Shops. It's a mutual proposition—it is an endless chain; if we please one man, we invite his friends and their friends and so from the beginning we have studied the interest of our customers,—and therefore our own—making it a mutual benefit for both, from which has sprung this wonderful chain of P&Q Stores, in 22 large cities in the U. S. A. and which lead the road in value-giving that is difficult for others to follow.

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FINANCE ROADS OR SEIZE THEM

The railroads of the country, from one cause or another, have failed to meet the exigencies of the nation in time of war, and something must be done quickly to bring the necessary relief.

Many remedies have been proposed, but none applied that has thus far brought the desired results. There has been a rapid increase in wages and the cost of material while the rates remained practically stationary. The result has been that the upkeep of the roads has been neglected, the necessary rolling stock has not been supplied, and many of the systems have become so financially embarrassed that bankruptcy, real or threatened, seems to be their only recourse.

The Adamson bill fell heavily upon them and when the war started in 1914, they were ill prepared to meet its increased demands.

The government appointed a railroad war board for the purpose of mobilizing the transportation resources of the country. The board has done fairly good work, but its chief aim was to keep the war material moving. Consequently, the industrial business has been sidetracked wherever the preparations for war made that necessary. Many passenger trains have been cut off and freights have the priority particularly in the war service.

As might be expected the people have suffered for lack of cash, lack of sugar, lack of flour, lack of many commodities produced here in abundance, but impossible of distribution under the present arrangement. Chairman Fairfax Harrison of the war board, has reported that the board has eliminated passenger service equivalent to 16,267,823 passenger miles per year. This to save man power, fuel and motive power to be applied to the transportation of necessities. This will make available for other purposes 1,129,000 tons of coal, but yet this does not suffice.

Now comes the expected. The Interstate Commerce commission recommends immediate action to effect the national unification of the railroads either by government operation or by suspension of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws for the duration of the war, with a federal loan and regulation of security issues to permit more effective voluntary cooperation.

One of the commissioners, thinking that government control might suffice for improving the transportation without going to the extremes favored by the full board, has submitted a minority report on this line. Government control is the least that will be attempted, but it is not at all likely that this will suffice without a liberal appropriation to supply the necessary cars and rehabilitate the roads that are financially run down.

The problem is a big one and as President Wilson has promised to deal with it in a special message to congress, his action will be awaited with interest. He has had the matter under careful consideration ever since the last national election. The pressing demand of the brotherhoods for an increase of 40 per cent, complicates the situation still further. The president can be relied upon to solve the problem. He may decide to finance the roads and control them, and at the same time consent the men who have been keeping up continual strikes if nothing else will keep them in check.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER

The nation stands aghast at the news of the awful disaster at Halifax. Thousands dead, other thousands left homeless, wounded and in the utmost need of assistance, is the plain statement of the actual facts. The property loss is said to run high into the millions.

It now appears to have been a French and not an American vessel loaded with munitions that blew up. As to the identity of the vessel that rammed the munition cargo there is but speculation. Some authorities say it was a Belgian relief ship, others that it was a Norwegian vessel, but investigation alone can ultimately show what ship was responsible for the terrible catastrophe.

We here in Lowell recall the Fourth Lowell explosion which did so much damage, but if it had been fifty times as powerful, it probably would not even then have been as terrible as the blast from the munition ship at Halifax harbor.

It is a fearful calamity due to accident and the accident, as usual, was due to lack of caution, lack of the necessary protection that should be thrown around a vessel of this kind at all times. There has been too much crowding around such vessels. They have been obliged to pass through forests of shipping not only at Halifax, but at New York and other ports. There should be a guard on all such ships to keep the other miscellaneous craft away from them.

The loss of the Titanic a few years ago taught a severe lesson to the trans-Atlantic companies and doubtless this disaster will have a like effect in causing the various governments to guard the munition vessels from danger or collision as though

they were mountains of dynamite, which in reality some of them are. Halifax needs relief and every city in the United States will readily join in supplying the aid that is imperatively needed by the victims of this calamity.

PUSH THE CHARTER MOVEMENT

The movement for charter reform is to go right ahead until it is placed upon the ballot at the next state election.

The city of Lynn had practically the same kind of charter we have in force at the present time, but discarded it at the recent state election. Lynn will now have a charter with ward representation and a number of aldermen elected at large. The body will consist either of eleven or of fifteen members. The mayor will be the chief executive and will exercise a veto power over the acts of the council. That will prevent a few men from dictating the actions and the policies of the city. The movement should be taken up by the citizens generally and carried forward to success. The present charter has served to defeat the will of the people despite the fact that the candidates have been elected at large. It lends itself to the exploitation of the city's interests by a few men for their own political advancement. This has been its great defect in every city in which our form of charter has been tried. It is time to cast aside this anomalous instrument born in the minds of theorists, but found lacking in merit when put to a practical test.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS UNARMED

Fifty American engineers fighting Germans with bare fists and getting away! It seems preposterous for any American to enter the war zone unarmed. A good revolver loaded for bear is the least that a man might be expected to possess while taking chances in the war zone. It is all right to be handy with the fists, but that kind of practice does not win battles against men who are well armed. Every engineer should be prepared to shoot if attacked.

SIMPLIFIED THE ISSUES

President Wilson's speech to congress has simplified the issues of the war for the allies as well as for the United States. His plain statement of the terms upon which the United States will make peace has exposed the weakness of the German government in holding that conditions of peace cannot be discussed except in secret conference.

MAY CONSRIPT LABOR

Congress will probably be asked to give the president power to stop work on non-essential enterprises in order to release men enough to maintain

the occupations which are necessary to victory. This may ultimately lead to conscription of labor which, in certain quarters, is just as important as military service.

When the British sunk a German war vessel recently, they rescued the crew. The Germans in such a case, shoot the survivors. After torpedoing the Apapa, they shelled the small boats in which the women and children were trying to escape.

The soldiers were misrepresented when it was said they came to Lowell for drink, but if any of them wish to

GOOD BLOOD

"Blood will tell." Blotches and blemishes, like murder, will out, unless the blood is kept pure. Its purity is restored and protected by the faithful use of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

Getting Ahead In the World?



If you need money, you can borrow at once on your CHARGE. A legitimate debt is a good thing. A prominent employer said recently that the best men are those who are honorably in debt—who have incentives for saving.

The "Morris Plan" is the first method by which the man who is harassed by a number of past due debts can square himself with his creditors and meet his obligations in a satisfactory manner.

WITH CASH in hand you can make a better bargain. You can select what you need at ANY STORE and pay cash on the spot; you can obtain price concessions that you cannot obtain on a CREDIT BASIS.

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visit a licensed city they will find one or two nearer to Camp Devens than Lowell.

SEEN AND HEARD

Sugar was never so dearly sweet as now.

A man's affection may be all wrapped up in a girl, yet his love be light enough to go by parcel post.

A cynic is usually a man who would rather take a dyspepsia tablet than a walk, and who is wedded to a collection of habits in preference to a woman.

"Factory Notes"

The November number of "Factory Notes," the U. S. Cartridge Co. publication, has made its appearance. A number of timely articles on knitting will prove of special interest to the young ladies employed at the big plant. Another article tells of some of the achievements of the girls in the various departments in the line of Red Cross work. Under the direction of Miss Ethel Sleeper of the welfare department, a total of 39 sweaters, 12 pairs of socks, 20 neck pieces and two helmets had been made up to Nov. 1. The usual department numbers are included.

The Sleeping Passenger

We have before us a letter from a conductor (it doesn't matter on what line he runs) in which he tells about some troubles he had with a passenger.

Let us quote his frank statement: "After all was right, I came back to him and asked him why he would not pay his fare, and he said, 'Be-



Keep the Children Well

To keep the little ones well, sturdy and happy, free of coughs, colds, croup, little fevers and inflamed throats, use

Foley's Honey and Tar.

It is carefully made of selected remedies that loosen and break up a cough, stop croup and ease an aching inflamed throat, and it is clean of all narcotics. The prompt use of Foley's Honey and Tar is very helpful for whooping cough, and the restless feverish state that attends children's diseases.

At Danvers, W. Va., writes:—"One of my parsons had a small child taken with croup. They came to my store and bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and before morning the child was entirely recovered."

Falls & Burdickshaw, 418 Middlesex St., Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central St.

cause you went to sleep on the rear end and did not call the stops and carried me by."

Now, note this: "I told him that he must have been 'stayed.'"

That, mind you, is what the conductor himself confesses he said.

The passenger's version isn't so very much different. The passenger writes that the conductor said this: "You are half-stayed, that is what is the matter with you."

It is hard to believe that any State conductor would use such language in talking to a passenger, no matter what the provocation might have been. To use language of that kind puts the conductor in bad right away. It earned for him a reprimand, which he received.

Of course, our cars are not Pullman sleeping cars, and passengers are not supposed to go to sleep on them, but when, as it sometimes happens, passengers do go to sleep, they should be treated with unusual consideration. The passenger who is sleeping should receive more attention than one who is not sleeping.—Day State Triangle Talks.

The Man With the Traps

I've often sat in a crowded house (When a crowded house was there)

And harked to the sob of the violin And the trombone's strident blare, And I've thought I would like to be the man

With the tipped baton, perhaps— But I was a man to my early love, The man with the ripping traps!

For I love the beat of the big bass drum

And the rat-a-tat of the snare, And I like the snap of the tambourine And the cymbals' rattle and tear; I like the triangle's clinging note

And the song of the xylophone. Tho' I'd love to handle the tiny, tiny Or to loo on the big trombone.

If I were the man with the merry traps, I'd quack with the duck noise, too— I'd jingle the sleighbells, honk the horn

And squeak like a kangaroo! I'd gallop a mile with the coconut shells And dance with the castanets, And forget my worries with tailor bills

And all life's similar frets. So you take the job with the long baton,

And you play the big trombone, And you do the sob with the violin, But give me the xylophone! You'll carry the air and lead the way, Or be bossing the job, perhaps, But the folks in the house will tap their feet

To the joy of the good old trap! —Harry Edward Warner, in Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"God Help Me to Endure"

Mrs. Alice Dodd had not been notified by the government that her son, James Graham, 25, was the first to shed his blood for American democracy as one of Gen. Pershing's troopers.

She was lending over a washbasin at her little home, 297 Lempsie avenue, Evansville, Ind. The reporter sent to deliver the message told of the meeting as follows:

I knew by her smile as I entered I would have to tell her the story.

"You're the mother of James Graham, the boy who is fighting in France?" I asked. "Will you give me one of his photographs?"

"Why?" she inquired.

"And I told her I wanted to put it in the paper. I requested her picture, too."

She talked about her son as she looked through a pile of photographs, seeking one of him. He had joined the army four years ago, she said. It was under age, but she signed the papers for him. Yes, she was proud of him, of course, but then—

"It's awfully hard to have him gone," she said.

"Mrs. Dodd, consider this: in a war for humanity," I said, "don't you think any mother ought to be glad to have her boy fight for a cause like that?"

"Yes," the mother answered.

"And don't you think any mother would be glad to have her boy give his life, even for a cause like that?"

"Yes," she said again.

"And wouldn't any mother be glad to see her boy fight for the cause and his country?"

"Yes," she said, and looked up at me with a bright eye and a happy smile, and then she laid her hand on her eye and the smile faded.

"Great God," she cried, "it's my own boy that's dead!"

I think Mrs. Dodd was craved a little while. Two daughters tried to come her.

There were just two sentences that framed themselves out of the bubble of her words. One was "My son," and the other, "Will they bring his body home?"

She has been through enough to pay the expense of shipment, she said.

The last time Mrs. Dodd saw James was three years ago. But he wrote every week, and often.

In her hand she clutched a little silk handkerchief embroidered in gay colored floss, a souvenir of France, the last gift James had sent her before he went into the trenches.

She does not know the man more than a great personal tragedy to her. She doesn't realize that even makes history. She doesn't find consolation in the fact that her boy's name will go down for generations.

"Yes, he's a hero, and to his sake I ought to be brave; but I'm not a hero. I'm just a mother."

And I wondered who was the greater hero, James or his mother.

LET FROM THE ARCTIC—NORTHERN LIGHTS FLASHES A LETHAL CHIEF TO FRANCE

A timber of days ago a copy of the Chicago Tribune, speeding north from Seattle by steamer, and clad, perhaps, the farthest north corner of "white man's land," under the other side of Mount McKinley's peak, and still is floating on. At a point near latitude 66 at Eskimo summer picked up and contained across the friendly white trawlers of the Yukon delta.

With his wolf dogs he battled blizzard and cold. Through mountain pass and over frozen stream he penetrated all ways further north, until early one morning he came to an island that seemed almost to lean against the North pole.

There Van Home McMaster, with-



IT is unquestionably true that our prices for Overcoats today are from \$5 to \$10 less than you will be obliged to pay for equally good garments next year.

We never offered a larger or better stock, in which are represented all of the smartest models for men and young men—in the newest fabrics and colorings.

Trench Coats in an infinite variety of fabrics, quite military in style, full belts, slash or patch pockets... \$13.50 to \$30.00

Box Overcoats, single or double breast, half or full box, most of these with deep satin yokes... \$13.50 to \$27.00

Conservative Overcoats, fly front, in length coming just below the knee, with velvet or cloth collars—serge, worsted or silk lined, in black and dark oxfords, \$15 to \$35

MOTOR COATS AND ULSTERS

Great, loose, long double breasted garments—with deep storm collars that button up close about the neck—some lots with heavy wool linings and deep satin shoulder yokes, \$20.00 to \$38.50

For Coldest Weather

Sheepskin Lined Ulsters and Short Coats, corduroys and moleskins with beaverized collars, windshields in sleeves, \$12 to \$28

Mackinaws in solid colors and fancy plaid patterns—full belts, deep collars—from 34 to 42 inches in length... \$7.50 to \$15.00

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ing his hands over a fire or whatever it was.

Here is a letter from McMaster:

"Alaska, North of 65. Dear Old friend, You've followed me all over the world, from south of the yards to Chickamauga in '98, on over to Manila, back to San Francisco, up to Seattle, on to Nome, up the Yukon, and north to this Land's End of the world, where I've been prospecting for three years.

"I've never been without you. You have been the one that binds me to home. But that isn't what I started out to say. The paper I got today when my Indian runner came in from headquarters camp told of a Christian name and to be started by you to buy this for the soldier boys in France.

"Now, believe me, that fit me right where I live. Man's the Christian and I've gone cold and hungry—and I wouldn't give a d— for that, out there was nothing from nowhere to show that anybody was thinking of me. And so I'm writing back to you and sending you a \$2 bill that I was keeping against a tobacco shortage this winter in our cabin. Money don't make so much difference up here any way, and I get short of tobacco I can send my Indian boy to the headquarters camp to buy some.

"But I want you to take this \$2 bill and buy a kit and tell some boy over there that an old man who's forgotten about everything but the old flag and South Haled street in thinking of him and hoping he'll lick n— out of the Huns.

"I'll make a strike this winter, I'm going to renew my subscription to the Trib. Yours for knees,

"Thomas McMaster."

Some Better Made Elsewhere. No Matter What You Pay.

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For this week only I am going to offer 11 carat Blue White Diamond mounted in 14K gold for... **\$25.00**

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MEANS ON STAND FOR SIX HOURS YESTERDAY

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 7.—For six hours yesterday Gaston B. Means testified in his own behalf before the jury which is trying him for murder, but at adjournment last night he had not brought his recital down to the time when Mrs. Maude A. King was shot and killed, after she had gone with him to Blackwelder Spring on Aug. 23.

The defendant's testimony yesterday dealt with German plots which he said he had discovered while working for a private detective agency's German clients and with his financial transactions during the years he acted as business agent for Mrs. King.

Explains Opening Letters

When his narrative was interrupted by adjournment, he had just reached the events of last July and he was explaining letters which the state had placed in evidence with the intent to prove that he had tried to keep Mrs. King in ignorance of his movements and his transactions for months before her death.

One of these letters Means wrote in Chicago. It approved the action of his brother, Alton, in opening and forwarding to him a telegram addressed to Mrs. King and instructed Alton to forward to him all mail received for Mrs. King, her sister, Mrs. Mary C. Robinson, and her mother, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson.

Means said the letter was written shortly after he had sent the three women, with his father-in-law, W. L. Patterson, to Asheville from Chicago. That was done, he said, because he and Mrs. King had become involved in a contest with the Northern Trust company of Chicago, over the alleged second will of the late James C. King, dated in 1905, and they did not want to be bothered by newspaper men.

Under the terms of this will Mrs. King would have inherited from her husband a large sum held in trust by the trust company for a charitable institution.

The party left Chicago ostensibly for New York, Means testified, and it was agreed that all mail should be sent there. After Means was to receive it, place each day's mail in one envelope and forward it to the witness, who was to distribute it. The purpose, he said, was to keep the trust company "in the dark."

When the arrangement had been made Means had intended to go at once to Asheville.

Means explained the revoking of the \$125,000 trust fund held in a Chicago bank for Mrs. Anna L. Robinson. Mrs. King had created the fund for her mother, the witness said, and the latter received \$500 a month from it. Later Mrs. Robinson found the \$500 monthly income was inadequate to meet her expenses, and it was decided to revoke the trust fund and pay her \$1000 a month.

The papers were drawn up, signed by the two women, and presented at the bank by the witness. He received the securities in the fund and borrowed \$2500 as part of them from three banks. The money was deposited in his name, he asserted, because suits were threatened against Mrs. King.

Factor some of this money, the witness continued, was used in cotton speculation, which quickly netted a profit of \$10,000, one-third of which Mrs. King received.

MAN SENT TO HOSPITAL AS RESULT OF SHOOTING AFFRAY IN MARKET STREET

Christos Spanos, residing in Market street, was shot in the side by Peter Logos of 379 Market street, while coming out of a saloon in Market street about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Spanos was removed to St. John's hospital and after being examined it was found that the wound was not a serious one and it would be only a question of time before he would be able to be around again.

According to the facts obtained by the police, who investigated the affair, Spanos is a second-hand in the Merrimack mills, where Logos works. Yesterday there was trouble of some sort between the two men in the mill. Logos went home and secured a revolver, and when he came out of the house, he visited a saloon. According to his story, when he was coming out of the saloon he was attacked by three men, one of whom was Spanos. Logos claimed that the men threatened him with stones, and that he discharged his revolver, wounding Spanos. The

latter was taken in the ambulance to St. John's hospital, and Logos was placed under arrest by Officers Joe Clark and Bagley, who gave chase.

POLICE THREATEN STRIKE AT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Citizens of Philadelphia yesterday saw policemen gather on city hall plaza to hold a mass meeting of protest against the treatment accorded them by the administration and urge an increase in wages, and they also saw uniformed policemen, some of them mounted, drive away the protesting parolmen before their meeting could get under way. There was no trouble, the dissatisfied men obeying the commands of their brother officers.

Policemen who are members of the Patrolmen's Benevolent and Protective association, comprising about 3000 of the 4000 men of the force, voted on Tuesday night to strike if their pay is not increased to \$1400 a year. They now receive \$2.25 to \$2 a day, according to length of service.

New Year's eve has been fixed as the time to quit, but leaders among the men alleged that the city authorities have been so indifferent in their treatment toward the policemen that many members of the organization want to quit at once.

A protest meeting was planned for yesterday to be held under the windows of the mayor's office, but the authorities refused to grant a permit. Hundreds of men, not knowing that it had been forbidden, gathered there only to be dispersed.

The dissatisfied patrolmen besides asking for an increase in wages are also demanding non-participation in political activity and non-interference by the controlling authorities with the policemen's organization or their pension fund.

A patrolmen's association held a meeting last night to decide on what immediate action it shall take to have the demands of the men granted.

PERRY D. THOMPSON SPEAKS AT ENGINE HOUSE IN HIGH STREET

A well attended rally in the interest of Perry D. Thompson, candidate for mayor and all other candidates, who wished to address the voters, was held last evening in the engine house in High street.

The rally was presided over by Charles D. Slattery, who introduced Mr. Thompson as the "future" mayor of Lowell. Mr. Thompson made a very interesting address, dwelling briefly upon his record in the school board and closed by asking the voters present to vote for Perry D. Thompson for mayor next Tuesday. Dr. Thompson, candidate for the school board, was present, but he did not address the gathering.

Mr. Miskell Speaks

James F. Miskell, candidate for alderman, made several speeches yesterday and addressed large and enthusiastic audiences at the Cartridge shop and other places.

SLASHED WITH RAZOR

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 7. License Commissioner Harry C. Hutchinson of 122 Longview terrace here, was severely and viciously assaulted by an unknown Italian on a footbridge which crosses the Housatonic river between East street and Longview terrace last night.

The Italian, slashed Commissioner Hutchinson, probably with a razor, twice across the face, making four distinct cuts. The wounds are on both sides of the face, across the bridge of the nose and over the upper lip.

KENWOOD MISSION

A real enjoyable social was held at the Mission hall Wednesday evening. An excellent supper was served by members of the Women's Friendly circle, the names of the chief contributors being Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Chene, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Davies and Miss Woods. The ladies propose to hold these socials once a month. A Sunday school session is held at 2 p. m. and preaching at 4 o'clock on Sunday and a meeting for prayer and song on Tuesday evenings at 7:45.

DANIEL WELCH KILLED IN FALL DOWN LIFT OF STAIRS

Daniel Welch, an old resident of this city, died almost instantly yesterday afternoon after falling down a flight of stairs at his lodging house, 21 Hurd street. As he was about to descend he slipped on the top step and went head foremost down the entire flight and although he was breathing when found he died within a few minutes. The body was examined by Medical Examiner Thomas B. Smith.

LOWELL SOCIALIST CLUB

The regular meeting of the American branch of the Lowell Socialist club was held last night at 21 Middle street. There was a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted. Three new members were admitted and plans were reported under way for a series of lectures on "Socialism" during the winter season. The next meeting will be held December 13.

John Terry of Nantucket, gave an old chair, which he found in his attic, to a man in his employ for use "up to his snuff." A short time after he was much chagrined to find that the chair had been used for \$35.

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BEING AS IT'S THE MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON EVERYWHERE WE'RE WILLING TO DONATE A FEW PRESENTS TO THE KAISER'S EMPTY STOCKING

COTS FOR SOLDIERS AT K.O.F.C. HEADQUARTERS

The soldiers who visit Lowell on Saturday evenings and who wish to sleep in the city are to be accommodated to a degree by the local council of the Knights of Columbus. At a meeting of the trustees held last even-

USEFUL GIFTS

Will be entirely in order this year. Your first thought will probably be for the young man in camp. You can give him nothing better than a GILLETTE U. S. ARMY RAZOR SET \$5.00. This set was gotten out especially for the men of the army. Also an ARMY KNIFE \$2.50. We have only a few of these which have just arrived.

TRENCH MIRRORS, 35c to \$1. Just the thing; flat, made of metal and unbreakable. Put in the breast pocket and may save a life.

FOR THE BOY
A Neccano or Erector set will help stimulate his mind.

AIR GUNS, WATCHES, TOOL CHESTS, SKATES AND SLEDS.

THE THOMPSON HARDWARE CO.

"My Boy Will Have a Fair Start."

"I've made up my mind he shall have all these advantages that I've so often felt the need of."

"Every year I take out a Morris Plan Investment certificate that I can buy in 50 easy weekly payments of money that I don't raise. After the 25th payment, this money draws 4 per cent. interest."

"At the end of 50 weeks I can convert it into a full paid investment certificate in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500, which can earn 5 per cent."

"Whenever I do need money I can surrender a certificate for full value in spot cash, or I can borrow on it to the full cash value at 4 1/2%."

Begin NOW to make this provision for yourself and your family. Call today at our office. Let us tell you of the well-known banks and business men who are behind this great movement for thrift. Or send for booklet explaining the Morris Plan.

LOWELL MORRIS PLAN CO.

Incorporated Under Mass. Laws

18 SHATTUCK ST.

Capital \$100,000

insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

William Newman, manager of the iron works, who asked about the number of aliens employed at the plant and whether they might be responsible, replied:

"I don't know; remember we are at war."

Three large ocean freighters of 3500 to 4000 tons displacement are under construction at the works, as well as two trawlers. Two of the freighters were "overboard," but the other was on the ways and was so badly damaged that its launching will be set back several weeks.

The fire was discovered simultaneously by two workers and they immediately sent in an alarm. The pattern shop is on the waterfront a considerable distance from the street adjac-

ing the entrance and firemen were hampered by the maze of machinery and sheds through which they had to be laid.

The pattern shop contained designs of engines and machinery which had been used in the construction of boats during the last 50 years and all these were destroyed.

Men of all nationalities are employed as laborers at the works. It was stated that work of reconstruction would be started at once.

Addressing Canadian mothers and

fathers, the commission says:

If your boy goes to the front: He has 20 chances of coming home to

one chance of being killed.

He has 95 chances of recovering from a wound to two chances of dying.

He has only one chance in 500 of losing a limb.

He will live five years longer because of physical training.

He is free from disease in the army than in civil life.

He has better medical care at the front than at home.

In other wars from 10 to 15 men died from disease to one from bullets.

In this war one man dies from disease to every 10 from bullets. This war is less wasteful of life than any other in history.

Only 10 per cent. of all Canadians disabled for further service have been physically unable to engage in their former occupations.

If your boy is one of the 10 per cent, the government will re-educate him in another vocation at which he can earn a living.

This doesn't mean that war is a danger-free occupation, and that life in

EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL SALE CHARMING WINTER COATS

SATURDAY AND MONDAY

\$22.50

On Our Popular and Dignified

CREDIT PLAN

\$1.00 A WEEK

100 Coats in the Lot

Among which are handsome models in plain Burella and Wool Velour.

The garments are the most advanced fashions, and the savings surpass any heretofore offered.

Early morning inspection is urgently advised—as the offering is for two days only and there is certain to be a liberal response.

Special Values in New
WINTER SUITS..... \$25.00

THE CAESAR MISCH STORE
ALEXANDER STRAUSS, INC.

220 CENTRAL STREET.

Largest Credit Department Store in Lowell.

Fashionable Furs

We offer important values in all of the most representative styles in Fur Garments.

FIRE WRECKS TORONTO SHIP PLANT

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 7.—Fire which originated in the pattern shop of the Bolton Iron Works on the Toronto waterfront, early last night, completely destroyed that building and a number of sheds and badly damaged a large freight boat and a trawler. The total damage was estimated at from \$250,000 to \$500,000, covered by

From this day will receive all orders at his store at 212 Merrimack St. All orders will be promptly attended to. We are putting on special sale FRIDAY and SATURDAY—Furs and Bonquets: two kinds of Pot Ferns from 10c up. Bonquets from 25c up. Lowest prices on all design work. Sprays from \$1.25 up.

JOHN McMENAMIN, Florist
212 Merrimack St.

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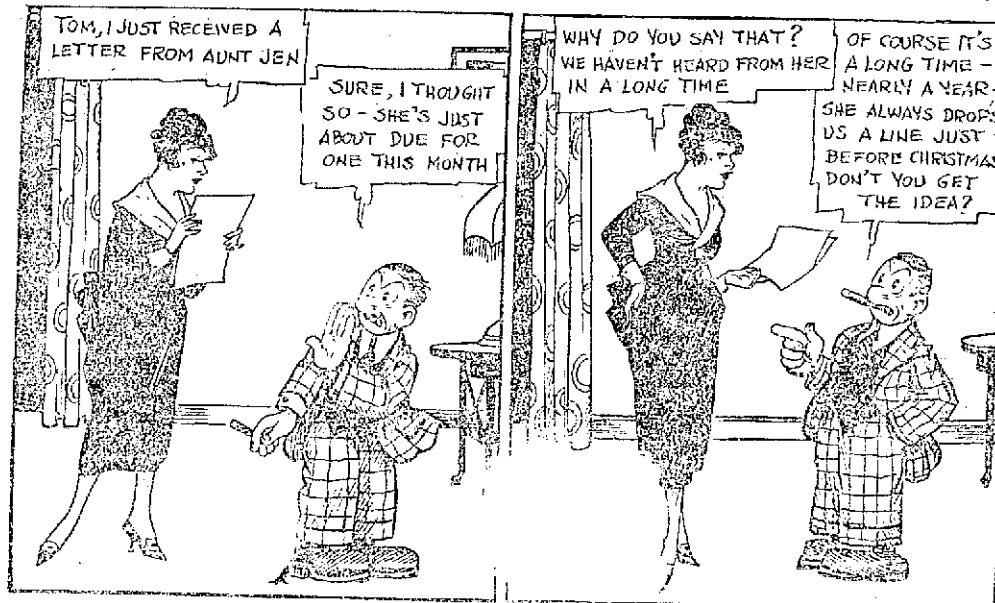
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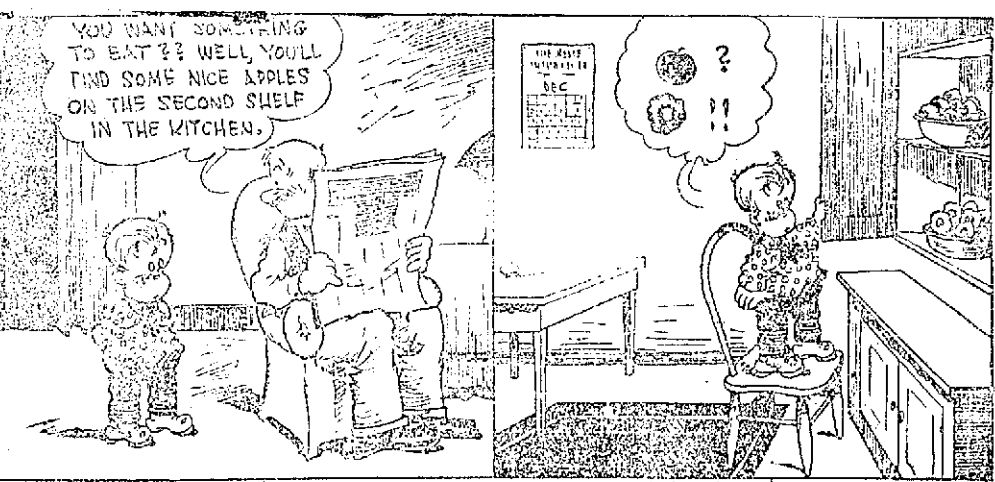
CANADIAN WAR FIGURES ON THE CASUALTIES

The military hospital commission at Quebec has kept an account of how Canadian troops fared in the war, and has compiled some interesting and assuring statistics based upon its investigations and observations.

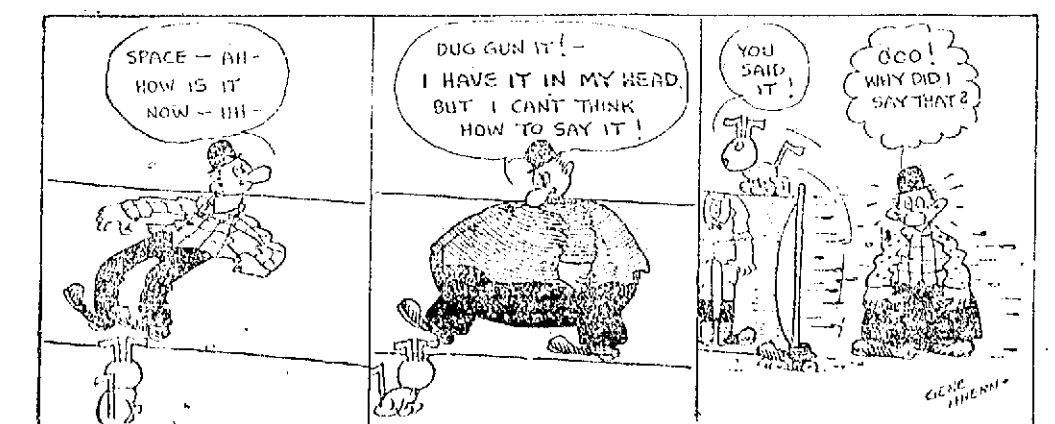
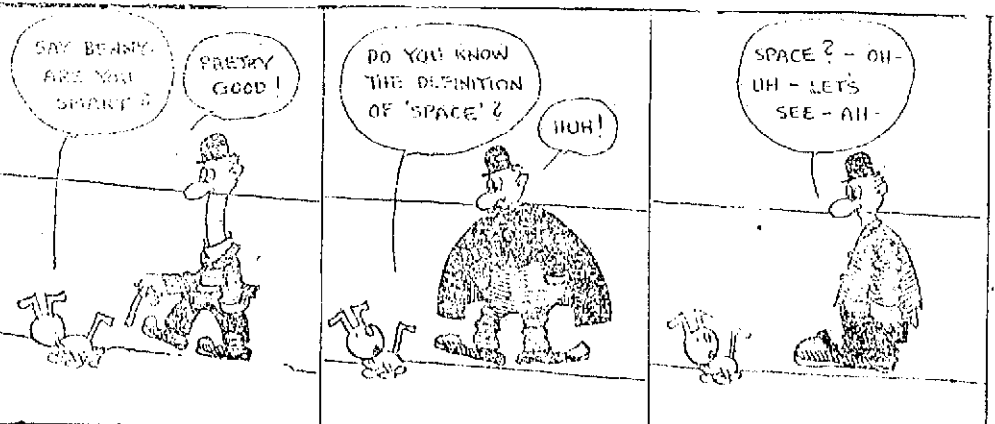
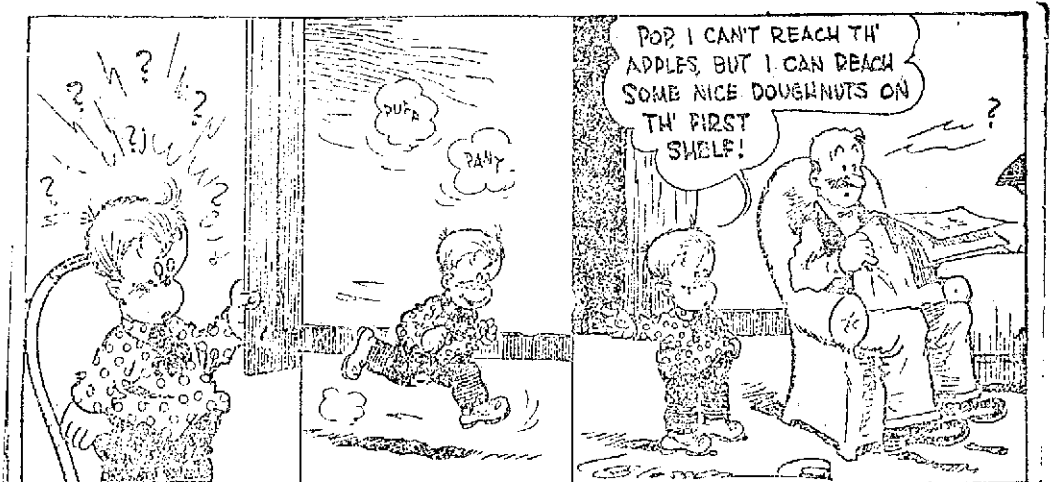
THE SUN
IS ON SALE
AT THE
NORTH STATION
BOSTON



HELEN GETS A LETTER



WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK OF HIM



NO WONDER BENNY COULDN'T THINK

CHARGE ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER

Peter Logos was arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this morning on complaint charging him with unlawfully carrying a pistol and also with assault with intent to murder Christos Spanos. He entered a plea of not guilty to each complaint and was held under \$10,000 bonds for appearance before the court one week from today.

It is alleged that Logos and Spanos had an argument while at work yesterday afternoon, and about 5.30 o'clock last night, the men met and Logos fired five shots from a revolver at Spanos, one of which took effect, but the wound is not considered a serious one. Patrolmen Bagley and Joseph Clark captured Logos and brought him to the police station where he was booked for carrying a dangerous weapon and assault with intent to murder. The story of the shooting appears elsewhere.

ALL IN ORPHANAGE AT HALIFAX PERISHED

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—The nation and all but two of the children at the Protestant orphanage are believed to have perished. One of these children was not in the building at the time of the explosion.

The child who was in the building said that when the explosion came Miss Knaut, the matron, called to the children to take refuge with her in the basement. It is supposed she thought a bomb had fallen.

Thirty girls employed at the Richmond Printing Co. are reported dead.

DR. MIGNAULT FOR MAYOR

WHY?

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DR. RODRIGUE MIGNAULT

Advertisement.

Thor. H. Ince's NEWEST and GREATEST SPECTACLE

The ZEPPELIN'S LAST RAID

COMING TO THE Owl Theatre.

FOUR DAYS, BEGINNING MONDAY, DEC. 10

MACHINISTS' PARADE

All members of the International Association of Machinists, Lodge 438, are requested to parade Saturday evening, Dec. 8, 1917. Meet at hall, 7.30 sharp.

MASS MEETING AT PLAYHOUSE

ADDRESS BY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Refreshments served at Machinists Hall, after mass meeting.

PARADE COMMITTEE

Chaffin's CORNER

CUSTOMS

Customs have been handed down to us by our ancestors. We first hear of customs in Greece, a peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea. The Greeks believed in Gods and Goddesses whom they thought visited them on earth, and this belief gave birth to the unequalled display of Hospitality to strangers.

Centuries later in England, the Anglo-Saxons, in the reign of King Richard II, showed their Hospitality in the sheltering of travelers even though they were not acquainted.

We have likewise emulated this custom and have endeavored to produce a feeling of Welcome and a spirit of Hospitality to all those trading or visiting our store.

Mildred Holmes, Lowell High School, Grad. Dept.

FOR 69 YEARS City Institution For Savings

Never paid less than 4%

Interest Begins Jan. 1st.

WARDEN STREET

Resolution Declaring War on Austria Unanimously Passed in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—With less than an hour's debate the senate today passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary.

The resolution was adopted by the senate unanimously, 74 to 0. Senators Gronna of North Dakota, Norris of Nebraska and Vandaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German war declaration supported the resolution. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin left during the speech making and did not cast his vote.

Meanwhile there was every indication that the resolution would pass in the house with only one dissenting vote—Representative London, socialist. Members were so sure of it that they deserted the chamber in droves to escape the speech making and return later for the voting.

After the house acts the two resolutions will be reconciled or one substituted for the other.

Senate War Resolution

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee today presented the senate resolution against Austria-Hungary, and moved its immediate adoption.

Beside the reasons that Austria is Germany's active ally and as such has committed war-like acts against the United States, Senator Stone declared there was the further reason that inasmuch as Italy, France and Belgium comprised one battle front, American troops might at any time be facing Austrians.

Senator Stone made no reference to Turkish or Bulgarian relations.

"In this great world struggle," said Senator Stone, "all men know of the intimate and apparently indissoluble relation between the governments of Germany and Austria-Hungary. In the progress of events it has become manifest that the United States is inevitably as much at war with Austria-Hungary as with Germany."

"In the prosecution of the war Germany and Austria-Hungary troops are coordinated and co-operative. On the other hand the United States is sending troops and supplies to aid the entente allies, including vast sums to finance the entire allied war effort. The government of the United States is furnishing men, supplies and money to all entente governments; the supreme war council has been organized at Paris, in which the government of the United States is authoritatively represented.

"This supreme war council has defined battle fronts in Europe, one of which has been defined to embrace France, Belgium and Italy. This battle is laid out as one continuous battle front under one general command.

"I am told that the American troops are up to this date massed in France, but if they are operating on one of the long defined battle fronts which embrace Belgium and Italy, I cannot see that it would make any difference where Americans, British, French or

Debate in Both Houses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Declaration of war on Austria-Hungary came up today in both houses of congress. In the house of representatives, the resolution reported yesterday by the foreign affairs committee came up for debate and passage which was expected before midnight.

In the senate, the foreign relations committee's report of its own war resolution came up with a request for unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

The resolutions must be considered or one must displace the other in the final act of congress. How this would be accomplished had not fully developed when both houses began working.

Debate on the Austrian war resolution began shortly after the senate convened. Unanimous consent being secured for its immediate consideration, the senate foreign relations committee presented the resolution and moved its immediate adoption.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking republican on the foreign relations committee, followed Senator Stone and gave reasons for favoring the declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria, but declared unanimity of action was essential. For that reason he opposed amendment of the resolution to include the two lesser powers.

Lodge Scores Turkey and Bulgaria

Senator Lodge scored the Turkish government and declared that to secure unity Bulgaria also should be recognized as a foe.

"The executive and the state departments," however," said Senator

PEOPLE OF HALIFAX STUNNED BY MAGNITUDE OF DISASTER

Bend All Energies to Relieving Injured, Feeding Hungry, Sheltering Homeless and Gathering Dead—Snow Storm Impedes Rescue Work But Aids Firemen in Fighting Flames—One Report Says 5000 Killed—Police Estimate Dead at 2000

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Stunned by the magnitude of the disaster which has overwhelmed the "garrison city by the sea," the people of Halifax today bent all their energies to relieving the injured, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and gathering their dead.

A heavy snow storm set in early today and while this in a measure impeded the work of relief and rescue, it

served to aid the firemen in fighting the flames.

At least 2000 lives lost.

Reports from the improvised morgues and from hospitals, churches, schools and private residences seemed to bear out last night's estimate that at least 2000 lives were lost when the Belgian relief steamer, *Imo*, collided with the French munitions steamer, *Munich*, causing the detonation of

Announcement

Owing to the large increase of sales and lack of room at our present location, we have made arrangements with A. W. Dows Co., druggists, for the use of one of their beautiful show windows for the holiday season, showing a complete line of high grade jewelry at reasonable prices. A clerk in-line will be pleased to show you any article in the window without any obligation to purchase.

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RUSH AID TO HALIFAX CONDITIONS APPALLING

ABOARD MASSACHUSETTS RELIEF TRAIN, via St. John, N. B., Dec. 7.—Exact conditions in stricken Halifax are more appalling than was indicated by last night's reports.

This is a message that was despatched by A. C. Ratschky, manager of the Massachusetts special relief train, after a night spent in gathering bits of information from trainmen and others met with as the relief train sped eastward.

Dead Are Everywhere

The dead are everywhere, said these reports. There is immediate need of a great staff of surgeons and scores of nurses.

By 9 o'clock tonight, the Massachusetts unit should be in Halifax at the immediate disposal of the chief surgeon who is directing the relief work—the most stupendous task that has ever confronted the people of Nova Scotia.

When the Bay State special reached St. John, additional hospital supplies were taken aboard to meet pressing demands pending the arrival at Halifax of a shipment due to leave Boston at noon today.

During the brief stop, Mr. Ratschky got into communication with the Halifax authorities over the railroad telegraph wire and learned that supplies and help of every kind would be most welcome.

It had not been humanely possible, the authorities said, to take care of the hundreds of injured, many of whom had perished during the night.

Dead Piled High in Morgues

In improvised morgues, the dead are piled high and unidentified. Scores of these bodies will never be claimed.

Because of inability to get into communication with Halifax yesterday, the relief train was despatched without waiting to know whether its aid and comfort would be useful.

"Gov. McCall has given orders to go the limit in rendering aid and I shall," said Mr. Ratschky. "Just as soon as I can get detailed first hand reports I will wire him fully, because it appears now that tremendous assistance will be necessary."

"Arrangements were made last night with James Jackson, head of the New England division of the American Red Cross, to forward large equipment needed to supplement what we have aboard. The assignment of our staff and nurses will be determined after arrival at Halifax, but the whole force will be placed as a unit under the direction of the surgeon general. There is much to be done, for reports show that not one-half of the terrible story has been given the world. Will you please have The Associated Press say to the people of Halifax that everything that can be done in a great effort has been ordered by Massachusetts and this is not the last relief corps that the state is prepared to send. We shall be on the job tonight and our doctors and our nurses will stay on the job with those from nearby Canadian cities until the homeless and the hurt can see daylight ahead."

For hours today, the relief train ran

TO DECLARE WAR TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—As the house debate drew toward its close the leaders agreed to substitute the senate resolution for the one reported by the house committee and thus make the declaration of war a fact tonight. The war resolution then will only require the president's signature.

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RESULTS IN COPING WITH
GERMAN PLOTTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Only the cold figures showing the results of the work of the department of justice in coping with German plotters in this country are given in Attorney General Gregory's annual report submitted today to congress. None of the details of the operations of the secret service of that department, touching almost every condition from the romantic to the sordid are disclosed. Most of those must necessarily remain untold until the end of the war, when a set of volumes rivaling the most exciting tales of fiction might be written from them. The attorney general's report merely tells the story of results in the figures of prison sentences which the agents of German intrigue now are serving in federal penitentiaries.

In dealing with the enemies within, the department has found that the espionage law, the trading with the enemy act, and the prosecution of seditious conspiracy have been fruitful of results.

The government's hands have been materially strengthened so that it now has power to deal with disturbing contents," says the attorney general's report.

The prosecution of William D. Haywood and other leaders of the so-called Industrial Workers of the World, to the number of more than 150 in the northern district of Illinois is an instance of the public protection in this time of stress. The effect of these prosecutions is already having a far-reaching and highly beneficial influence towards the maintenance of order and obedience to law throughout the country.

After dealing with the war activities of the department, the attorney general passes on to recommendations concerning the civil laws of the nation. Attorney General Gregory renews at the outset his recommendations that the commodities law be amended to meet supreme court decisions, to divorce transportation from production. While the legislation Mr. Gregory recommends is intended particularly to cover the coal roads, it would also prohibit to the last degree a railway from manufacturing or owning anything it transports in interstate commerce.

Also, the attorney general renews his recommendations for a provision of law intended to benefit the federal courts. It would enable the federal judge to reach the case in 70 years and refuses to avail himself of the retirement already provided by law, the president shall be authorized to appoint another judge for the same district to take precedence over the older one.

Under existing law there is no legal penalty for sending threatening letters through the mails unless the act is accomplished by extortion or as part of a means to defraud. Mr. Gregory recommends legislation to make it a crime. The statute of limitations for criminal prosecution in bankruptcy cases, now one year, the attorney general regards as having defeated justice in some cases and he recommends that it be extended to three years.

In the enforcement of the anti-trust laws the attorney general says the department has been confronted by peculiar conditions brought about by the war. There are two broad limitations on the power of the department.

Increases of price, brought about not by agreement, conspiracy or monopoly, but by the common selfish impulse of traders to take advantage of the extraordinary condition of the times, are not punishable under the anti-trust laws, the report says. Matters now completely lacking they may be of economic justification or how extortionate.

Sale of commodities by retailers to consumers generally fall outside of interstate commerce and, therefore, are not within the purview of the federal laws.

With such limitations, Attorney General Gregory says the department of justice has utilized its full energy.

Several of the great anti-trust cases, previously begun, notably, the International Harvester and Steel suits, are still in the supreme court.

The attorney general devotes much of his report to informing congress of the steps he has taken to carry out the measures against enemy aliens. They include co-operation of federal marshals and troops with local authorities, and go into the legal procedure in great detail.

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AMERICAN ENGINEERS
WOUNDED AT FRONT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Second Lieut. A. J. Cone and 12 enlisted men of the American army engineers have been wounded in action, Gen. Pershing reported to the war department. Gen. Pershing gave no details, except that the men were wounded on Nov. 30, the day on which American engineers, working with the British army, assisted Gen. Byng's forces in the German assault near Cambrai.

Cone and 11 of the enlisted men were seriously, and one man slightly, wounded.

The seriously wounded are: Sergt. Frank Haley; emergency address, J. A. Frank, friend, New York city.

Sergt. Patrick A. Long; emergency address, Joseph Long, brother, Bayonne, N. J.

Corp. Philip Berk; emergency address, Mrs. Bertha Klingman, sister, Brooklyn.

Corp. Charles J. Critchley; emergency address, Mrs. Rose Critchley, mother, New York city.

Corp. James Angus; emergency address, James Angus, father, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Private James E. Grogan; emergency address, David Aegen, Coatesville, Pa.

Private James Eagen, Great Neck, N. Y.

Private William L. Barnes; sister, Mrs. Agnes M. Barnes, Portland, Ore.

Private Charles A. Geiger; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Geiger, Chicago, Ill.

Private George E. Jones; father, Thomas H. Jones, Scranton, Pa.

MACHINISTS WILL HOLD PARADE AND MASS MEETING DECEMBER 8

The International Association of Machinists has been conducting an organizing campaign in this city during the last three months with International Organizer William Larkin in charge.

This campaign has been very successful and the machinists and metal workers of this vicinity are now thoroughly organized.

The campaign has been conducted very quietly and along intelligent lines and with the one idea of bringing industrial peace to this city and the assurance of the same for the future.

The machinists' organization believes this is the only solution of the labor problem, when employer and employee will sit down together, each respectful of the rights of the other, and talk over their affairs and come to an understanding that will be of mutual benefit to all concerned.

Much ground has been accomplished by these methods and many conferences have been held by the representative in charge, with the employers of the city and in all cases the machinists' representative has found the employers

My Annual December Sale

Suit to Order \$12.50

I want to get rid of \$8000 worth of woollens between now and the tenth of January. All ends in stock ranging from a suit pattern to 15 yards I have sorted out. Worsteds, Tweeds, Serges, Fancy Mixtures, all wool and all worsteds guaranteed. Some of these patterns sold as high as \$22.50 and if purchased in today's market I would have to get more money for them.

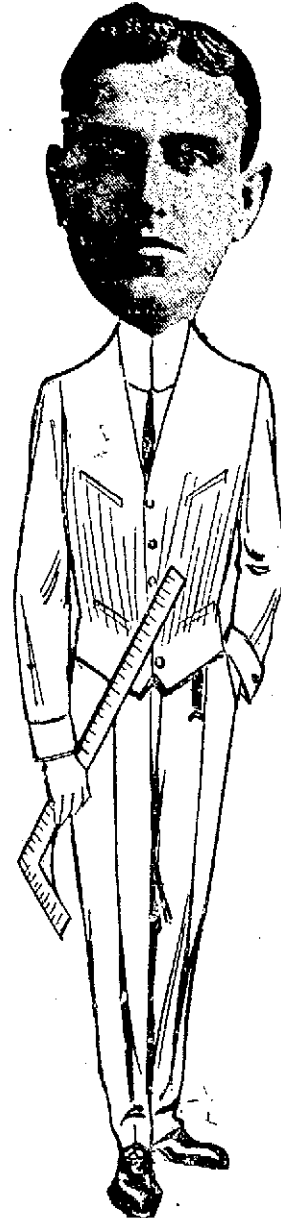
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I call special attention to an American Woolen Co. Blue Serge which I am showing in this sale. 14 ounce weight, all year wear, and a guaranteed fabric.

I have several ends of fancy plaid back overcoatings in browns, grays and greenish mixtures. Just the thing for sport and trench coats for young men, included in this sale, also a number of staple patterns for the conservative dresser in oxford grays, black kerseys and vicunas. These goods would cost today around \$4.25 per yard, but I happened to get hold of a trade early in the season. To go further for the customer's benefit I have placed a number of these styles in my open doorway where you can see and handle them without entering. Prices to be

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McCALL'S REQUEST FOR BARNETT REFUSED

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 7.—New Hampshire yesterday refused to honor extradition papers of Massachusetts.

Gov. McCall asked Gov. Keres to allow Massachusetts officers to take in that state Alfred Barnett at Manchester, charged with failing to support his three children, who have lived with their grandparents in Somerville, Mass., since the death of Barnett's first wife 10 years ago.

Patrick H. Sullivan of Manchester, recently democratic candidate for congress, appeared in Barnett's behalf before Gov. Keres. After an extended hearing, in which Atty. Gen. James P. Tuttle participated, the governor decided that Barnett was not a fugitive from justice and declined to issue the papers.

It appeared from the testimony that Barnett had contributed to the support of the children until last March, but that, having married again, he wished to have the children make their home with him in Manchester. This was opposed by their grandparents.

FAVORS EXCESS PROFITS TAX ON EARNINGS OF RAILROADS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—An excess profit tax to be levied on the earnings of the railroads after their freight rates have been adjusted so as to enable all of them to earn a fair return was suggested in an address by S. Davies Warfield of Baltimore, which he delivered here today before the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. Mr. Warfield, who is president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, and chairman of the board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company, was speaking from the standpoint of the investor.

The fund derived from this proposed excess profit tax, Mr. Warfield said, would go either to the government or into a fund to purchase equipment to be leased to the railroads, the government to loan this company sufficient money to purchase equipment necessary to supply the requirements of all the railroads.

This plan, Mr. Warfield pointed out, would "break the deadlock" which had resulted from the refusal of the interstate commerce commission to permit a general raise in rates. Eighty per cent of the railways of the United States, the speaker said, need an increase in freight rates but to grant it to all would enable the remaining 20 per cent to earn more profit than the interstate commerce commission believes they should. An excess profit tax, Mr. Warfield said, would fall more heavily on the favorably situated railroads. Such a plan, he added, might

"furnish the means as a war measure to quickly adjust rates to meet the exigencies of the situation and rapidly create a fund to be used to immediately furnish the equipment and additional facilities so necessary to the proper conduct of the war, and the business of the country."

Present conditions affecting the railways cannot continue, declared Mr. Warfield. They have arrived at such a point where either a satisfactory plan for operating them would have to be formulated or the government would have to take them over "probably at a valuation below their intrinsic worth."

Government loans to the railroads now seem necessary to tide them over present difficulties. Mr. Warfield said.

and a means of doing so was suggested in the organization of the equipment company which he outlined.

COL. HOUSE ENTERTAINS FRENCH MINISTERS AT LUNCHEON IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Col. E. M. House, head of the American mission, yesterday gave a luncheon to Stephen Pichon, French minister of foreign affairs; Louis Klotz, minister of finance; Edienne Clement, minister of commerce; Jules Cambon, general secretary to the foreign office; the Marquis de Chambrun, Gabriel Hanotaux, Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the

United States treasury, and Paul D. Cravath.

Gen. Petain, Gen. Pershing, Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, and Viscount Northcliffe conferred with Col. House yesterday.

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff of the American army, has gone to British headquarters to visit Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig. Admiral William S. Benson, chief of naval operations, has gone on a tour of inspection of the naval bases and naval aviation centres.

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SAYS NO U-BOAT COULD GET INTO HALIFAX

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Archibald T. Davison of Bridgewater, N. S., a city near Halifax, who has been in Boston for the past few weeks on business, declared last night that the much touted theory that the explosion of the munitions ship was caused by a German submarine was an utter impossibility. Mr. Davison declared that the entrances of the harbor of the stricken city are so well protected by torpedo nets and by great wire cables hung across the entrances that no submarine could possibly slip into the enclosure.

No Chance to Slip In
The Nova Scotia further declared that only at special hours were ships allowed to enter or leave the harbor, and that at those times the gates were opened and the government supervised every boat that came and went.

"Why," said Mr. Davison, "there's not a ghost of a show of a submarine getting in there. Not only is the harbor well protected by the nets and cables, but the naval patrol constantly crosses back and forth near the entrance."

With Mr. Davison was his brother, Fred H. Davison, and his son, Fred H. Davison, who arrived yesterday afternoon received this telegram from his wife:

Hospitals in Death Zone
"Belgian relief boat collided with

French ammunition boat lying off dock yard today. City is wrecked. St. Mary's cathedral is destroyed, and many principal buildings badly damaged. The houses have fallen in and many lives have been lost."

Mr. Davison said that in the area devastated by the explosion were several military hospitals for the recuperation of wounded troops brought back to Canada by the transports and hospital ships. He said that pier No. 2 was used exclusively as a receiving station for these wounded men, and that pier No. 2 was directly in the danger zone.

Fred Davison declared that he was in Halifax a week ago and that a great transport ship had just come in. He did not know whether or not she was loading with troops to go out, but he stated that she was the largest transport bearing the British flag. If this ship was still at the city when the accident occurred, she is destroyed completely.

Besides the military hospitals there are several civil hospital institutions within the bounds of the destroyed portion of the city, according to Mr. Davison.

The heavy construction of the Citadel, a large fort in the center of the city, would resist the force of the explosion, said Fred Davison. It was claimed that the other forts down the harbor would also be safe for the same reason.

He stated, however, that there were two or three forts so near the scene of the explosion that if it did the harm claimed in the papers, they must have suffered losses in men and minor material destructions.

These forts are garrisoned with the Canadian Home Guards, composed of men who are not only physically strong enough to be sent to the trenches, they are also partly manned by soldiers with wounds which incapacitate them from further service on the battle line.

The Halifax Infectious hospital is well within the danger zone of the explosion.

Home Saved By Hill
Mrs. M. Neville and her daughter, who are stopping at the Parker house on their way back to Halifax after a few months in the south, last night declared that they had been advised that their property holdings in the city had suffered no loss and that the newspaper reports of the explosion's damage were greatly exaggerated.

The Nevilles own a wharf and a factory about a mile and a half from the city. Their home is behind a hill from where the explosion took place and was probably saved for that reason.

John J. Robson of Dorchester last night stated that his cousin, G. Louis Adamore, the assistant manager of the Western Union Telegraph company in Halifax, had not been heard from since the accident and he does not know whether he has been lost in the debris of falling buildings or has escaped. No telegram has been received and the building of the Western Union has been totally destroyed.

Oil Plants Near By
It is known that the large reservoirs of the Standard Oil company are in the devastated zone. The great plant of the Nova Scotia Fuel refinery is also one of the first buildings that was probably wrecked by the concussion.

Mrs. Neville and her daughter started for Halifax this morning. They will proceed immediately to their home and do what relief work as is possible for the refugees.

They stated last night that their wives had been received from Yarmouth and that there was telephone communication between that city and Halifax.

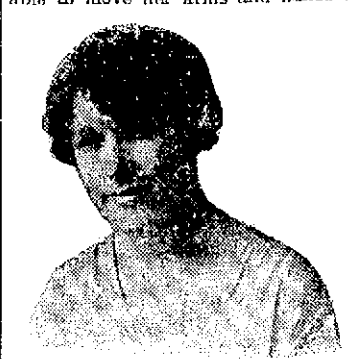
The two women also stated that when they were home last, about two months ago, that the harbor had been filled with transports.

American Soldiers There
Nearly all persons seen by the reporter who had been in Halifax recently declared that American soldiers and sailors were a frequent sight on Halifax streets this fall.

JOINTS STIFF---CORDS DRAWN WHEELED ABOUT IN CARRIAGE

Remarkable Experience of Miss Horton, Who Suffered Since 4 Years Old.

Friends and neighbors can hardly believe that Gladys Horton is now able to move her arms and hands as



well as anyone. No longer will she be pointed out as she walked with her arms bent at the elbows, as the girl who was unable to help herself and unable even to button her own coat. She now has full use of her joints and was enthusiastic when asked about her recovery. She said:

"I don't know just where to begin. I have had rheumatism since I was four years old and it is a new experience for me to have the full use of my joints and be free of pain. I have been so helpless that I had to be wheeled in a small carriage, almost every joint in my body has been afflicted, my feet, ankles, knees, hands, arms and shoulders."

"I was unable to walk on account of the pain in my feet and knees. Helpless and in continued pain, dreading the night when I would have to be lifted bodily and dreading the days when I would have to be moved. I was unable to cut my food or feed myself and my arms were bent at the elbows, unable to get them away from my body. My fingers were drawn in to the palms of my hands."

"You can see I have full use of my hands and arms and my fingers have gone back to normal condition," she said, as she grasped the hand of the writer, at the same time demonstrating by her grip that she had considerable strength in her fingers.

"I tried many different treatments but they failed to help me. Finally friends of mine became interested and told me they would supply Var-ne-sis."

telegraph companies were swamped with messages inquiring as to the fate of many Halifax families.

Mrs. M. Neville and her daughter of Halifax, who were here on their way from a stay in the south, received a message from Yarmouth, N. S., last night, to the effect that their property was not damaged. The Nevilles family owns a wharf and a factory about a mile and a half from the center of the city. They believed that the saving of their home was due to the fact that it was sheltered by a hill.

A telegram to Charles Rogers, manager of a garage in Chelsea, brought word that the home of his sister, Mrs. Rogers, who had been in the harbor at Halifax at the time of the explosion.

Thousands rushing into the open saw a thick cloud of gray smoke hanging over the north end of the city. This strengthened their conviction of an attack from the air or bombardment.

It was feared that other explosions would follow, and so far as possible the frightened ones were herded in

sis if I would take it. I had little confidence that it would help me, but decided to give it a trial anyway. I am glad I did, for today I am entirely free from rheumatism of the joints—haven't an ache or a pain—perfectly well."

"It seems like a dream, but I must give Var-ne-sis, that wonderful medicine, all the credit. I wish other sufferers would gain by my experience—use my recipe, take Var-ne-sis and do not let up until they are well."

"I would be glad to have anyone call on me or write my address, Gladys Horton, 15 Abbott street, W. Lynn, Mass."

Lizzie S. Watts, well known in Lynn, and employed at Lynn post-office, has been greatly interested in Miss Horton's condition. She said:

"Miss Horton was pronounced incurable by several of our best physicians. Her hands were misshapen, her lower limbs almost useless, while each moment of her life was one of suffering. Last week I called upon her the first time I had seen her since she began taking Var-ne-sis, and what a change."

"Shapely hands, lower limbs in perfect condition and a healthy flush on her cheeks. A well, merry hearted happy girl. All this change from taking Var-ne-sis."

"I cannot say how pleased I am and how I thank you for your personal interest in her case. I find it hard even now to believe this girl is the same one I saw about a year ago, saved from a life of torture. She looks upon Mr. Var-ne-sis as a Deity, and told me she should pray for him every night of her life. Such gratitude one seldom finds and to her thanks I add my own." Miss Watts also would gladly answer any questions about the case.

Mary A. Lynch, who lives at the same address as Miss Horton for the past four years and watched her through her suffering. I can verify her statement as to her suffering previous to taking Var-ne-sis. She now looks to be in perfect health."

Var-ne-sis has been wonderfully successful in the treatment of rheumatic arthritis or chronic rheumatism of the joints. No sufferer can afford to be without Var-ne-sis. It is helping hundreds regain their health the same as it has helped Miss Horton. Send to W. A. Varney, Lynn, Mass., for the "Trust of Human Hinges." It's free.

Get Var-ne-sis now, today, at Liggett's, Baker's, Jaynes Drug Stores and all reliable druggists.—Adv.

the southern part of the city. Great crowds gathered in open lots and relieved all danger was past.

Systematic Efforts were being made last night to identify the dead, but great difficulty was encountered, as numbers who were killed had suffered injuries which made recognition impossible.

Despite the prompt and generous succor from nearby places there was much suffering among the homeless last night. The temperature, while not low for this district, held below freezing.

Many of the fires were caused by overturned stoves and these generally were in wooden frame houses that lent themselves readily to the flames.

The home, which appeared to have escaped serious damage, was nevertheless heaved up by the concussion and for a time in imminent danger of destruction. Her crew escaped.

A large Canadian steamer, moored at the north end and torn from her moorings by the concussion and set drifting in midstream.

Among the notable structures wrecked was St. Joseph's church, the school building adjoining. The immense cotton factory in that district also was demolished. The locality, however, was chiefly occupied by residences.

GREATEST DISASTER IN MANY YEARS
Outside the toll of life claimed on land and sea by the great war, the catastrophe at Halifax yesterday is by far the greatest disaster in many years.

Numerous explosions have occurred in munitions plants in this country and Europe, the most disastrous of which on this side was at the Edgemoor plant of the duPont Powder Co. at Chester, Pa., in April last in which 112 persons lost their lives.

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The ironclad theatre fire in Chicago in 1903 claimed 575 lives, while the sinking of the Lusitania, a German torpedo, and the steamship Highland in the Chicago river in 1915, with death lists respectively of 1188 and 812.

In October of this year it was reported that 4000 persons had lost their lives in a munitions explosion in Australia, but this report never has been confirmed.

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Rib Cuts Chuck, lb. 17c
Prime Rib Roast, lb. 15c up
Tip End Sirloin Roast, lb. 17c

LAMB

Yearling Leg and Loin, lb. 13c
Legs of Fancy Yearling, lb. 15c
Yearling Forequarter, lb. 12c
Gen. Lamb Leg and Loin, lb. 27c
Legs of Genuine Lamb, lb. 30c
Genuine Lamb Fores, lb. 23c, 25c
Lamb to Stew, selected pes, lb. 12c

PORK

Small Pork Loins, lb. 22c
Pork Shoulders, lb. 21c, 25c
Fresh Pork Butts, lb. 27c
Fresh Pork Loins, lb. 25c, 27c
Fresh Pigs' Feet, 2 lbs. 15c
Fr. Skin Back Shoulders, lb. 25c
Native Dressed Pigs, lb. 26c up

Poultry

Fresh Killed Chickens, lb. 27c, 30c
Milk Fed Fowl, lb. 24, 27c
Vermont Turkey, lb. 28c, 32c
Rhode Island Ducks, lb. 23c, 25c
Maryland Geese, lb. 23c

Smoked Meats

Cudahy's Rex Hams, lb. 24½c
Smoked Shoulders, lb. 22½c, 25c
Danahy's Bacon, strip, lb. 30c
John Morrell's Bacon, lb. 30c
Home Cured, lean, lb. 34c
Smoked Brisket Bacon, lb. 37c
Scotch Style Bacon, lb. 35c

Corned Meats

Thick Rib Bone Out, lb. 18c
Thick Rib Bone In, lb. 14c
Sticking Pieces, lb. 15c, 17c
Navel Ends, lb. 12½c
Fancy Brisket, lb. 18c, 20c
Corned Ox Tongue, lb. 18c, 20c
Neck Bones, lb. 9c
Spare Ribs, lb. 19c

Steaks

Sirloin, lb. 17c, 22c, 28c
Tenderloin, lb. 20c, 25c
Round, lb. 20c, 22c, 25c, 30c
Rump, lb. 23c, 29c, 33c
Veal Steak, lb. 22c, 25c

CHOPS

Yearling Chops, lb. 15c
Lamb Chops, lb. 20c, 25c
Pork Chops, lb. 22c, 25c, 29c
Veal Chops, lb. 18c to 22c

VEAL

Leg and Loin, lb. 15c
Large Legs Veal, lb. 14c, 16c
Legs Milk Fed Veal, lb. 17c
Loins of Veal, lb. 15c
Forequarters Veal, lb. 12½c

CHICAGO RUMP STEAK, no waste, lb. 20c

FANCY FRUITS

Fancy Apples, doz. 30c
Oranges, doz. 10c and 15c
Grapes, doz. 10c and 15c
Pears, doz. 10c and 15c
Raspberries, doz. 10c and 15c
Black Apples, doz. 10c and 15c
Jonathan Apples, doz. 10c and 15c

At Lowell's Leading Grocery Dept.

Pasture Flour, 24½ lbs. \$1.50
Citron Peel, lb. 25c
Lemon Peel, lb. 25c
Orange Peel, lb. 25c
Seedless Raisins, pkgs. 12c
Seedless Raisins, large pkgs. 14c
Sunbeam Mince Meat, pkgs. 7c
Baker's Pure Extract, Vanilla, Lemon, Orange, etc. 21c
Marshmallow Whip, big can. 23c
Walnut Meats, lb. 70c
Candied Cherries, lb. 65c
Candied Pineapple, lb. 65c
Candied Mixed Fruit, lb. 65c
Pure Ground Spleen—Nutmeg, Cinnamon, Mincing, etc. 12½c
Pure Lard, lb. pkgs. 31c
Mazola Oil 28c up
Crisco 25c up
Flake White, 20 lbs. pkgs. 23½c lb.
Table Sauce, Eng. style, bot. 10c
Mrs. Chapin's Dressing, bot. 15c, 23c
New Gordon Spinach, can. 21c
Green String Beans, can. 10c
Tuna Fish, can. 23c
Crab Meat, can. 21-25c
Columbia Red Salmon, can. 35c
Sardines in Oil 10c, 12c, 15c
Kipper Herring, can. 10c-12c
Milkmaid Brand, can. 12c
Pure Elder Vinegar, bot. 10c
P. Jar Mixed Pickles, each 12c
Bulls' Brand, 1 lb. jar. 10c
My Wife's Salad Dressing, 10c, 12c, 25c
Table Talk Catsup, bot. 7c
Lipton's Cocoa, can. 10c
Bulls' Brand, 1 lb. jar. 10c
New Orleans Molasses, can. 18c, 23c
New Sugar Syrup, jar. 20c
Crown Brand, 1 lb. jar. 10c
Baking Powder—Royal, Borden, etc. 10c
Eagle Brand, 1 lb. jar. 10c
English, Plymouth Rock, Columbia's, Crystal, pkgs. 10c and up
Pearl Tapioca, 1 lb. bag. 10c
Macaroni, pkgs. 12c, 25c
Best Head Rice, lb. 9c
Macaroni—Spaghetti, pkgs. 10c
Bulls' Brand, 1 lb. jar. 10c
Stude's Pure Sage, pkgs. 10c
Stude's Pure Thyme, pkgs. 10c
Evap. Apples, can. 22c
Evap. Peaches, can. 15c
New Prunes, can. 10c, 12c and 14c
Jelly Powder, all flavors. 5c, 7c, 10c
Ripe Olives, can. 15c
Pure Grape Juice, jar. 10c
Pie Pad-Ard, pkgs. 25c
Golden Gate Peas, can. 27c
Golden Gate Apples, can. 25c
Pure Honey, can. 12c, 25c
Sliced Peaches, can. 12c
Blueberries, can. 14c
Raspberries, can. 15c
Chives' Eng. Marmalade, pot. 25c
Fried, Eng. Marmalade, jar. 20c
Fruit Jellies, pkgs. 10c, 12c
California Large Dates, lb. 20c, 25c
Armour Mince Meat, lb. 15c
Marmalade Cherries, bot. 10c, 25c
Pure Honey, can. 12c, 25c
Stuffed Olives 10c, 12c, 25c
Queen Olives 10c, 12c, 25c
Crape Juice 10c, 12c, 25c
Crystallized Ginger, can. 15c
Scrubum Plum Pudding, 1 lb. 25c
Fried Brox Plum Pudding, can. 15c
Friend's Pound Cake, can. 25c
Sunder's Oyster, 1 lb. can. 15c
Blue Rose Chili Sauce, bot. 22c
Asparagus Tips, can. 18c
Campbell's Tomato Soup, can. 10c
Eagle Brand, 1 lb. jar. 10c
Pompeian Olive Oil 45c and 50c
Horse Radish, bot. 10c
Sauce, 1 lb. jar. 10c
New Can Apples 15c
Sunder's Catsup, bot. 15c
La Touraine Coffee, lb. 35c
Glow Chow, bot. 10c
Onion Salad, bot. 10c
Shredded Coconut, pkgs. 5c
Pop Corn, pkgs. 10c and 15c
Van Camp's Milk 7c and 12c

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GREAT ANXIETY IS FELT IN BOSTON LIGHT RUMBLE BEFORE TERRIFIC BLAST

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—To the thousands of Nova Scotians and their relatives living in this city and its suburbs, news of the terrible explosion at Halifax brought many anxious hours. The

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—The horrors of a bombardment by battleships possessed the minds of many when the explosion on the Mont Blanc shook this fortress town to its very foundations yesterday. There were three distinct rumbles. First, a comparatively light rumble, like a seismic disturbance, startled the city. A moment later a terrific blast made even the Citadel quake. Then a crash of glass throughout a wide area made the confusion complete.

Thousands rushing into the open saw a thick cloud of gray smoke hanging over the north end of the city. This strengthened their conviction of an attack from the air or bombardment.

It was feared that other explosions would follow, and so far as possible the frightened ones were herded in

the southern part of the city. Great crowds gathered in open lots and relieved all danger was past.

Systematic efforts were being made last night to identify the dead, but great difficulty was encountered, as numbers who were killed had suffered injuries which made recognition impossible.

Despite the prompt and generous succor from nearby places there was much suffering among the homeless last night. The temperature, while not low for this district, held below freezing.

Many of the fires were caused by overturned stoves and these generally were in wooden frame houses that lent themselves readily to the flames.

The home, which appeared to have escaped serious damage, was nevertheless heaved up by the concussion and for a time in imminent danger of destruction. Her crew escaped.

A large Canadian steamer, moored at the north end and was torn from her moorings by the concussion and set drifting in midstream.

Among the notable structures wrecked was St. Joseph's church, the school building adjoining. The immense cotton factory in that district also was demolished. The locality, however, was chiefly occupied by residences.

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Now get your pencil and paper and fill out your Christmas gift list from the articles summarized below:

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STUDENTS' BAGS

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BAG TAGS
STRAPS
HAND BAGS
LUNCH BOXES
VACUUM BOTTLES
WRIST BAGS
MIRRORS

PICTURES
STATUARY
POTTERY
VASES
BRIC-A-BRAC
CANDLE STICKS
FLASH LIGHTS

You will find the quality of these articles to be of the best and the prices consistently reasonable for the character of the goods.

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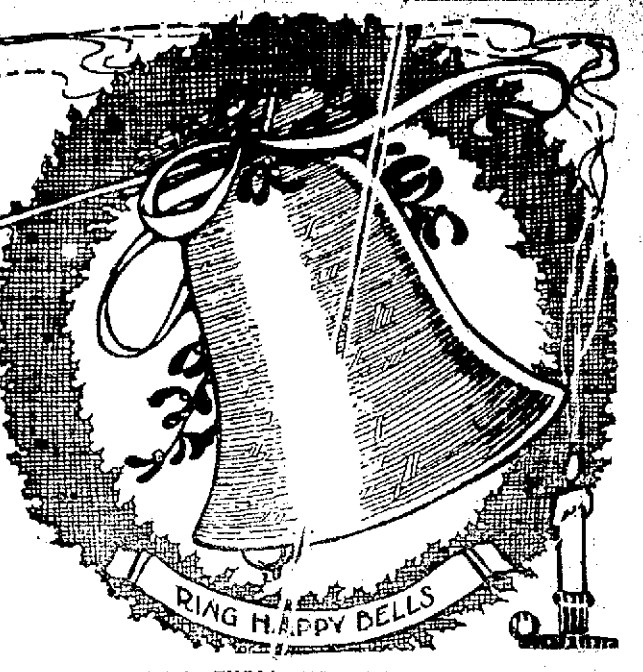


KNITTING BAGS—

Very desirable and useful Christmas present... 98c to \$5.00
Knitting Needles, all wanted sizes 29c to 75c
Trench Yarn 69c, 79c and 89c Hank
Scotch Knitting Yarn for socks 89c, 85c, 90c Hank
Navy Blue Yarn for sailors' sweaters 89c skein

The CHRISTMAS STORE

ESTABLISHED 1875
Chalifoux's
CORNER



WE SELL FURNITURE ON THE MORRIS PLAN

Our furniture is moved to the annex. To reach the annex, first go to the second floor and then to the millinery department. This is only temporary and during the Christmas season.



XMAS RIBBONS AND RIBBON NOVELTIES

New Street Bags in black moire and colors; suitable for Christmas gifts \$1.50
Covered Silk Talcum Powder Cans in blue, pink, maize, ails and dresden 69c
Ribbon Sachets in all colors 39c
Moire Silk Hair Bow Ribbon—Complete line of colors, 5 inches wide 19c, 25c and 29c Yd.
8-Inch Moire Silk Ribbon in pink, blue, Copenhagen, Danish, brown, coral and old rose. Suitable for Christmas gifts 35c Yd.

Shoes and Slippers

For Women and Girls from Our Great Underprice Basement Store.

This department will save our customers hundreds of dollars between now and Christmas.
Girls' High Cut Storm Shoes, made of heavy black leather, with double soles. High lace with buckled tops. Made on broad last.
Sizes 8 1/2 to 11 \$1.75
Girls' Overalls, made of the best of jersey cloth, warm fleece lined, high 2 buckled tops. Fit any style last.
Sizes 11 to 13 1/2 \$1.50
Girls' Christmas Slippers, made of felt. Warm fleece insides. Red and blue with white collars and silk pom pom. All sizes up to 2 89c
Women's Shoes, made of black velv. kid, new style last with Louis and military heels. Extra high 9 inch lace tops. Sizes 2 1/2 to 7 \$3.98
Women's slippers, good quality, storm and low cut. Will fit any shoes. All sizes from 2 1/2 to 8 49c

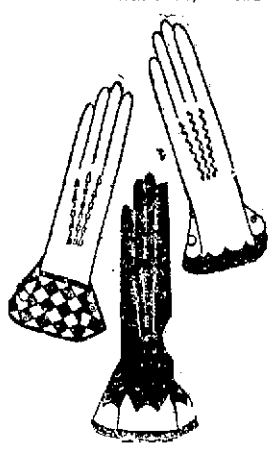
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SLIPPERS

Street Floor Shoe Dept.

Daniel Green Felt Comfy Slippers for women in all colors and sizes. Prices \$1.25 to \$2.00
Women's Indian Moccasins, made for comfort \$2.50 and \$3.00
Men's Comfy Slippers in all sizes and colors. "Daniel Green" make \$1.75 and \$2.00
Men's Black and Tan Kid Everett Slippers, turned soles \$2.50
Men's Moccasins, made in plain and leather soles \$2.50 and \$3.00

Xmas Gloves FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Chalifoux Value Means Good Service in Gloves



Children's Kid Gloves, washable, white and ivory. All sizes. \$1.60

CHRISTMAS GLOVES FOR MEN

Men's Genuine Buckskin Gloves with black embroidery. Regular or cadet sizes \$3.00
Men's Genuine Gray Mocha Gloves, with three rows black embroidery \$3.00
Men's Gray Washable Kid Gloves with three rows black embroidery \$2.50
Men's Cape Gloves in tan out seam. In all sizes \$1.50
Men's Cape Gloves in tan, plique, or out seam. Special for \$1.25
Men's Gray Jersey Gloves with three rows black embroidery \$1.40

Women's Imported Kid Gloves in black with white and white with black embroidery \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50
Women's Gauntlet Gloves in tan and ivory with three rows black embroidery \$2.50
Women's Buckskin Gloves, out seam with three rows black embroidery \$3.00
Women's Gray Imported Kid Gloves. Washable. In black and white spear point or three rows black embroidery \$2.00
Women's Genuine Gray Mocha Gloves in gauntlet style with three rows black embroidery \$3.50
Women's Kid Gloves in white with tan cuffs and grey with gold cuffs and black with white cuffs. Three rows black embroidery \$2.50
Women's Gray Mocha Gloves with wool lining \$2.50
Women's Tan Kid Gloves with wool lining \$2.00 and \$2.50

CHILDREN'S GLOVES
Children's Tan Kid Gloves in cape style \$1.50
Children's Gray Mocha Gloves in sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 only \$1.50

Men's Full Fashion Cashmere Hose, silk and wool hose, black and white. All sizes for 75c
Men's Shawl Knit Wool or Cashmere Half Hose in black 75c
Men's Pure Worsted Half Hose in oxford gray. Sizes 10 1/2 only size 75c
Men's Pure Two Thread Silk Half Hose in full fashion, double heel, sole and toe. All colors 60c
Men's Fibre Silk Half Hose in black only 35c, 3 for \$1.00
Men's Cashmere Half Hose in black and oxford gray 25c



News From Toyland

SANTA CLAUS—10 to 12, 3.30 to 5.30

PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW

10 to 12, 3 to 5, 7 to 9, when open evenings

CHALIFOUX'S TOYLAND is the largest toy store this side of Boston.

You save money by selecting your toys at Chalifoux's and you'll be certain of Chalifoux value and quality.

Buy toys early. Others are doing so, and on account of advancing prices on nearly everything, many believe that toys may be scarce and prices higher as Christmas approaches.

Gifts of Undermuslins

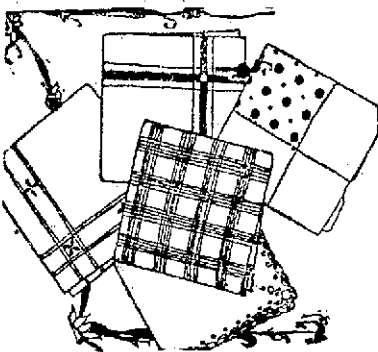
Show a Fine Sense of Discrimination on the Part of the Giver. They're so Dainty.



Washable Satin and Crepe de Chine Chemises, daintily trimmed, with and without sleeves. 98c, \$1.50 and \$1.98
Crepe de Chine and Wash Silk Envelope Chemises, beautifully trimmed with dainty laces and ribbons \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98
Crepe de Chine Washable Satin and Silk Bloomers, daintily trimmed \$1.98, \$2.98
Crepe de Chine Night Robes, extra heavy quality \$3.98, \$5.00
Envelope Chemises, made of fine nainsook with dainty lace yokes, back and front. Extra good value 98c, \$1.50, \$1.98
Night Robes of fine nainsook daintily trimmed with laces and medallions. 98c, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.98
Flannellette Gowns and Pajamas of extra heavy quality. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98
Second Floor

CHALIFOUX'S IS THE

Handkerchief Store OF LOWELL



Women's Lace Handkerchiefs, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, boxed 6 for 90c

A better grade, boxed, 6 for \$1.50

Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, box of 6, 69c, 75c and \$1.00

Dainty White Embroidered Handkerchiefs 3 for \$1.00

Dainty White and Colored Handkerchiefs, box of 3 29c

Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 50c each

Women's Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs 15c and 25c

Women's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c each

Children's Boxed Handkerchiefs, 15c, 19c, 25c and 29c box

Boys' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, all linen, 17c each, 3 for 50c

GIFTS

From the Corset Shop

Pretty Brassieres, useful, dainty and not expensive. 50c to \$3.00
Bandeaux for gifts. We have them in silk and treco materials in flesh and white; perfect fitting.

Beacon Blanket Bath Robes, \$2.98

and other gifts that always please womankind

Beacon Blanket Bath Robes, fancy patterns, including Indian designs \$2.98

Fancy Tea Aprons, lace and hamburger trimmed 19c

Heatherbloom Petticoats in blue, green, rose, mustard and black; regular \$1.98 value \$1.39

Everybody Likes to Receive

STATIONERY

For Christmas

Marquis Fabric, comprising two sizes of paper; comes in fine shades, white, yellow, pink, light blue and dark blue 98c

Autocrat Linen Correspondence Cards in 3 sizes in a box \$1.50

Autocrat Linen, 2, 3 and 5 shades of paper in the box. Prices \$1.39, \$1.98 and \$2.98

Linen Royale Note Paper with pastel borders 50c

Colonial Writing Paper in white, \$4.00, \$4.50

Gentlemen's Writing Paper, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Shirley Lawa Note Paper and correspondence cards, 95c, \$1.75, \$2.25

Christmas Cards in both French and English 5c to 35c

Christmas Postal Cards 1c each

Important to Mothers

These are things that will help to guard the health of babies and children:

Infants' Sleeping Bags of eider-down and Beacon Blankets in white, blue and pink, \$1.59, \$1.98 and \$2.98

Babies' Sweaters, all wool, white and pink, and white and blue; sizes 2 to 5 years, \$1.98 to \$2.98

Infants' Long or Short Booties, all different styles 25c to 98c

Children's Bath Robes in nursery and beacon styles; sizes 2 to 14 years, all colors, \$1.49 to \$2.49

Children's Gingham Dresses, with or without bloomers; all new styles; daintily trimmed; sizes 2 to 6 years, 98c to \$2.98

A new line of Dainty Rompers, smocked and embroidered, white, pink and blue, 98c to \$1.98 (Second Floor)

Boys' Colored Border Handkerchiefs 4 for 25c

Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, fine extra size, 29c and 50c each

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, box, 6 for 90c



Stockings have always been acceptable gifts, but this Christmas they may be counted among the money-saving gifts. Silk stockings especially will go up in price and many of these qualities we shall not be able to duplicate at present prices. Put up in special Christmas boxes.

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose with heel, sole and garter top interlined with lisle; black, white and colors \$1.69

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, full fashioned in black, white and colors; also fancy novelties, high spliced heel and double sole and garter top of lisle, for \$1.15 Pair

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose in fancy novelties, including stripes and dots very pretty and practical Christmas gift for \$1.00 Pair

Women's Fibre Silk Hose in black and white, high spliced heel and double sole, garter top of lisle 55c Pair

Women's Very Fine Quality Cashmere Hose, "full fashioned" in black and white, 75c

Children's Fine Silk Lisle Hose in black, white and tan; all sizes, 4 thread heel and toe; put up in a Christmas folder, for 35c Pair

Infants' White Silk Socks, sizes 4 to 6 1/2, rolled top, 25c Pair
Infants' White Cashmere Hose, silk heel and toe, sizes 4 to 6 1/2 25c Pair



Dainty Voile Blouses, exceptionally good value 98c

White and Colored Wash Silk Blouses. Several new models of voile and organdy sizes from 36 to 52 \$1.98

White and Colored Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe Blouses, made of extra heavy Georgette, with flat lace trimmings. Regular \$4 value, \$2.98 (Second Floor)

Blouses and Sweaters

In a shop where style, quality, and value are so good that 100 per cent of our customers are satisfied.

Lace Blouses, Georgette and crepe de chine blouses, good colors, all sizes, \$3.98 to \$10.00

Quilted Vests, all silk, hand-made in Japan, without sleeves 98c
With sleeves \$1.98

White Ice Wool Knitted Jackets with sleeves, extra good value, \$1.98

Children's Wool Sweaters, sizes 6 to 14 \$2.98, \$3.98

Women's All Wool Sweaters, beautiful assortment, extra good value \$3.98 to \$15.00



An Umbrella Makes a Very Acceptable Gift

Useful? What Could Be More So?

Women's Umbrellas in tulle silk, plain or sterling trimming handle \$1.50

Women's Gloria Silk Umbrellas in fast colors; various kinds of handles \$2.00

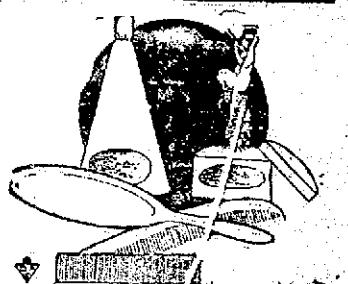
Women's Union Silk Umbrellas in all the newest handles, \$4.00 and \$5.00

Women's Colored Silk Umbrellas in navy blue, purple, green and red \$3.50 and \$4.00

Women's Colored Border Silk Umbrellas, extra fine quality \$5.00

Men's Silk Umbrellas, plain or fancy handle \$3.00 and \$4.00

Men's Union Silk Umbrellas, large assortment of handles to choose from \$1.50 to \$2.00



TOILET FORTICLES

Hair Brushes with French bristles, \$2.25 to \$5.00

Mirrors \$1.50 to \$5.00

Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets, \$5.00 to \$10.00

Manicure Sets (combined) \$20.00 to \$25.00

De Vilbiss Abomizers, efficient and economical for applying perfume and toilet water, cut glass, 79c to \$4.00

Violet Extract in bud vases, 75c, \$1.25

American and Imported Perfumes and Toilet Waters in dainty and attractive packages.

BASEMENT

Special sale of Angora Tam o' shanters at 39c

This lot consists of all new, up to the minute styles in headgear for sport wear. They are to be sold at less than 1-3 of the regular cost. Colors are oxford, brown, navy and several other shades.

Merino Sweaters, sizes 6 to 14, \$1.00

Children's Wool Sweaters, extra good value \$1.50

Children's Knitted Leggings, all wool. Special 50c

White Hand Knitted Shawls (wool, 4 yard square. Special \$1.00

\$3 SWEEPER \$1.00

\$3.00 quality "Hygeon" mahogany finish Metal Carpet Sweepers, a limited quantity to sell for \$1.00

Bissell Sweeper

We carry a complete assortment of Bissell Carpet Sweepers at lowest prices.

Pneuvac Vacuum Sweepers, a limited quantity:

\$6.50 kind for \$5.00

\$8.50 kind for \$7.00

\$10.50 kind for \$9.00

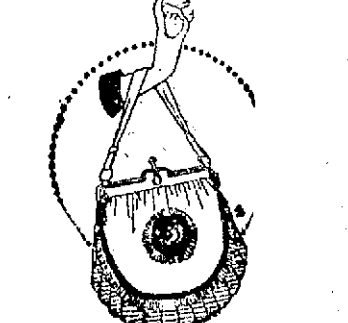
NECKWEAR

A special lot of Stocks and Jabots made of imported laces, very new, \$1.50 value; for Friday and Saturday \$1.29

Misses' Skating Sets in rose, green, open, white, regular \$1.00 value, for 77c

Hundreds of Chalifoux Values Like These in Our Complete

Holiday Leather and Novelty Shop



Pin Seal Purse, in the envelope or hand bag style \$3.00

Chiffon Velvet Hand Bags, assorted colors and styles with silk linings and purse and mirror \$3.50

Children's Hand Bags, in fancy colored silk and velvets 50c

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN

The Lowell anti-tuberculosis council has started its annual campaign to sell Red Cross Christmas seals and headquarters have been established at the board of trade rooms in Central street. Mrs. Franklin Nourse is the lady in charge of the campaign this year and already a number of the seals have been disposed of. The school children of the city have taken hold of the campaign in great style and the seals have also been put on sale in the various stores downtown.

The seals cost—well what you want to pay for them. You can have them for a cent if you choose. The seals are designed primarily for Christmas packages, but may be affixed to the backs of letters. There is more need than ever this year for a large sale of the seals because of the unusual conditions attendant upon the war. Because of the scarcity of food, people who are subject to tuberculosis will not receive as much nourishment as they should have and as a result the deadly evil will be allowed to gain headway. In order to prevent this suffering as much as possible we wish to carry on the regular work of normal times, the local council, together with councils all over the country, appeals for the support of this most worthy cause.

Cutting out liquor will do more to win the war than anything else. Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

ASSEMBLY AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR BENEFIT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW

An assembly and entertainment was held in high school hall at recess today for the benefit of the Review, the monthly publication of the students at the Kirk street school. The affair was confined for the most part to students of the school and was under the supervision of the teachers. The high school orchestra, Paul Angelo, leader, furnished music for the occasion and a substantial amount was raised as a result of the entertainment.

At a meeting of the L men of the high school football team held this morning, Carl Thumm, captain of this year's team, was chosen captain for the 1918 season. Thumm has played a consistent game throughout the season and was especially prominent in the Thanksgiving day game with Lawrence.

Nominations for class officers of the 1918 graduating class will be made at recess next Thursday and on the following Thursday elections will take place.

High School Debate

The Greenhalge Debating society of the Lowell high school held its debate in high school hall this afternoon at 2.15 on the subject: Resolved, That the Massachusetts legislature should pass a law to have compulsory civical training in the public schools.

The affirmative was upheld by Donald McLean, Herbert Harris and William Abrams; the negative by Sarah Lightman, Anastasia Murphy and Lillian Moran. President Paul Angelo presided and after the debate the judges were Messrs. McKinley, Thompson and Chilson of the high school faculty. Miss Ruth Turner and Miss Mary McPherson entertained with solos and a reading.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Civil service examinations for engineers for public buildings, janitors, water inspectors and clerks for the service of Lowell were held in the old councilmanic chamber at city hall this morning under the direction of Deputy Examiner Dennis A. Dooley. The examinations were started at 9 o'clock and were brought to a close at 1 o'clock. One man took the examination for engineer, 15 for janitor, 1 woman for janitor, 4 for water inspector and 18 for clerk, 6 men and 12 women.

Every patriotic man is saying: "I am going dry for duration." Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

Stirred by the report of the county fuel administration that short weight coal had been sold in Chelsea, Mont., the city council recently adopted an ordinance providing that coal and all other articles sold in bulk in the city must be weighed on the city scales.

STURDY COAT OF WOOL AND FUR

BY BETTY BROWN.

Silks, velvets, and satins are beautiful to see and pleasing to wear, but with winter we gladly abandon the blandishments of silk for the solid comfort of wool and fur. Here is shown a coat which convinces one



that who enters its confines leaves chilly behind. Of soft, heavy wool velour, with broad, loose belt and substantial collar, this coat is further reinforced with fur at the collar and cuffs, and has at the hem. Pockets are cleverly inset at the side front seam and the fastening is the side—the most popular place for any garment to fasten just now, from a gaudy collar to winter coat.

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POLICE COURT

Continued

lation of the motor vehicle law by endangering lives and safety of the public, reappeared in court this morning. According to the testimony offered at the previous hearing, Smith was operating an automobile and in passing a car which was being repaired at Kenwood on the night of November 17, he ran into and knocked down Ethel R. Joy, a resident of Kenwood, who was attempting to board an electric car in the vicinity of Merrimack avenue. She sustained injuries which necessitated her being removed to St. John's hospital. Mr. Smith placing her in his car and taking her to that institution.

Judge Enright, this morning, said that he had viewed the location of the accident, and after taking into consideration the testimony offered in the case, found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

Charged With Manslaughter

Lislo B. Streeter was charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Michael Lynch in Gorham street, near the postoffice, on October 25. An inquest was held before Judge Enright and the finding was that Streeter was not criminally negligent. Counsel for the defense also informed the court that Streeter had been given a hearing before the state highway commission and the latter had found that he was not negligent and returned his license to him. The court, after reading the report of the inquest and learning of the disposition of the case by the state highway commission, found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

Breaking and Entering

Joseph Judge entered a plea of not guilty to a complaint charging him with breaking and entering a house at 237 Adams street, with intent to steal from John Dallanos. According to Patrolmen Kennedy and Abbott, Judge entered the house at about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and as a result of a complaint made they went to the room in question and found Judge with a coat and vest belonging to the complainant, Judge being about to leave the place. While he put up no battle upon being arrested, when he reached the police station he attempted to make an escape, but his intentions did not materialize.

The defendant said he was under the influence of liquor yesterday, he wanted to go to sleep and a friend, whose name he did not know, offered to allow him to sleep in the room in which he was found by the officers. He said he had no intention of stealing the clothing.

According to the records, Judge was sentenced to three months in jail last May for larceny, and later was brought before the court for drunkenness.

He was found guilty and sentenced to five months in the house of correction.

Swapped Blows

A lively little encounter took place at the freight house of the Boston & Maine railroad on Thorndike street yesterday, as a result Carter Laertoz was hailed before the court on a complaint charging him with assault and battery on John Coulter, but after the court heard the testimony in the case and considered the evidence, he found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

John Coulter and his son were removing freight when Laertoz put in an appearance and immediately there was an argument. Coulter and his son claim that they were assaulted by Laertoz, but the latter and one of the employees at the freight house claimed that the Coulters were to blame.

Other Offenders

In the case of Morris Schulman, charged with assault and battery on Michael Schukster on November 24,

the court found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

Samuel Cohen was charged with assault and battery on William Goodman on November 14, but after the evidence in the case had been considered, the court found Cohen not guilty.

Is it fair to be indulging ourselves when the men in uniform are prohibited? Advertisement. Otto Hockmeyer

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AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note:—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Easily at the head of spectacularly realistic acts on the vaudeville stage at the present time is "The Forest Fire," which is creating a tremendous impression at the B. F. Keith theatre this week. The acting of the tense little story leading up to the big scene is specially good, and too much praise cannot be given to Sylvia Bidwell, who has the very important role of the telegraph operator. However, the entire cast is most satisfactory. But it is the big scene which sweeps everyone before it. The engine rushing across the stage, endeavoring to break the ranks of the advancing flames, and the thrilling rescue of the people in the doomed village are the main points of this big scene. Langdon McCormick, who invented all of the accessories of the act, is present during the act, and sees to it that everything goes according to program. The remainder of the bill is of much merit. Charles F. Semon, the thin fellow who plays many different kinds of instruments, lends a fine comedy air, and Lew Madden & Co. in "Monday Morning," mix comedy, music and a touch of pathos. The Garcellett

Brothers are excellent trampoline performers, and the Cooney Sisters sing. The picture feature is "The Auction Block," after the novel of the same name by Rex Beach. Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE

"Her Unborn Child," Howard McKent Barnes' greatest comedy drama success, which is being given with a full cast and without a scene or line omitted from the original manuscript, is creating no end of favorable comment among the thousands of theatre-goers of the city. If you have not seen this wonderful production, do so at once. It is here for one week only.

No better dramatic endeavor, or more enjoyable humor was ever offered a local audience by a stock company than is being given by the New Emerson Players during this week's presentation. The shifts from laugh-provoking scenes and situations to the deepest pathos and dramatic effects punctuate the entire four acts. Miss Laurette Browne Hall's portrayal of the rather unpopular "Miss Livingston" is accomplished with commendable skill. She carries through her work with most satisfying results and does much in cleverly building up material on which the argument for right is brought home by the other characters of the play. Miss Hall is winning new friends weekly and in her latest characterization is earning the rich reward for her exceptionally good endeavor.

"The Other Wife," the attraction

extraordinary of the stock stage, will be next week's offering by the Players. Those who are in a position to know unhesitatingly place this play in the class with the very best and strongest dramatic successes of the country. The local production will be the only one, outside of the Chicago and New York runs, to be enjoyed by patrons in the country for the present. Arrange to see it. Tel. 261.

THE STRAND

All building records in America, in Europe, in the whole wide world, were smashed to bits in the construction of the huge cantonments in which the American soldiers are housed and trained preliminary to their departure over seas for the front in France.

Think of it, a vast military city capable of housing 10,000 men, started and finished in 53 days!

Think of the thousands of men, thousands of horses, hundreds of machines working night and day, seven days a week to get the job done on time.

Think of a quiet countryside changed in the twinkling of an eye from a timber and meadowland to a bustling, hurrying, scurrying city full of pulsating life in less than two months!

Think of the trains, the relentless speed, the volcanic energy, necessary to plan such a job and rush it to completion within the specified time.

And then think of being able to see all this before your own eyes on the motion picture screen!

This is what you will see at The Strand for the week-end, when "Over Here," the big, timely, patriotic picture is shown.

"Over Here" shows one of the cantonments in the course of construction. It shows the whole job from the planning of the first blue print to the completion of the work and the arrival of the U. S. Soldiers. It shows the building of railroads, the transporting of the needed hundreds of tons of supplies, the gangs of men, the army of motor trucks, the speed and hustle and power of the whole procedure.

"Over Here" is devoid of war scenes, but it shows war in the making, the vast complicated and enormous machinery which has been set in motion by the national government to raise and train the army which will give the final wallop to the enemy. It shows one of the biggest undertakings in all history rushed to a successful completion with an almost unbelievable speed.

Arthur Ashley, the big moving picture actor and producer, now identified with the World Film corporation, will appear in person at the afternoon and night performance next Monday. Mr. Ashley will give a short talk on "The Production of Photo-Plays" and then hold a reception in the lobby to which patrons are cordially invited.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing. Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.
Hovey banjos. Wyman's Exchange.
The meeting of the Mercantile Clerks' association, which was scheduled to be held in Mathew Temperance institute hall last evening, was postponed until next Tuesday evening.

Examiners Hubbell and Atkinson of the state highway commission came to city hall this morning and in the course of the day they examined 18 men who wished to secure a chauffeur's license. The men were from various cities along the Merrimack valley.

A stereopticon machine has been set up in the window of the war work headquarters in Merrimack street and pictures showing the evil of liquor to the man in uniform are being shown in the interest of the no-license campaign in this city. The work is under the auspices of the war work committee.

An alarm from box 513 shortly before 8.30 o'clock last night was for a smoking store in the home of James J. Shelvey, at 1409 Middlesex street. A defective draft filled the house with smoke and when the windows were raised in order to allow the smoke to escape some person thinking that there was a fire in progress pulled in the alarm.

An alarm from box 89, at 8.01 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a tenement at 13 Oak street occupied by William Desmond and family. The fire, which had its origin in the sitting room of the apartment, was caused by children playing with matches and had gained considerable headway before the alarm was sounded. The fire was confined to the sitting room, but before the flames were extinguished the contents had been destroyed.

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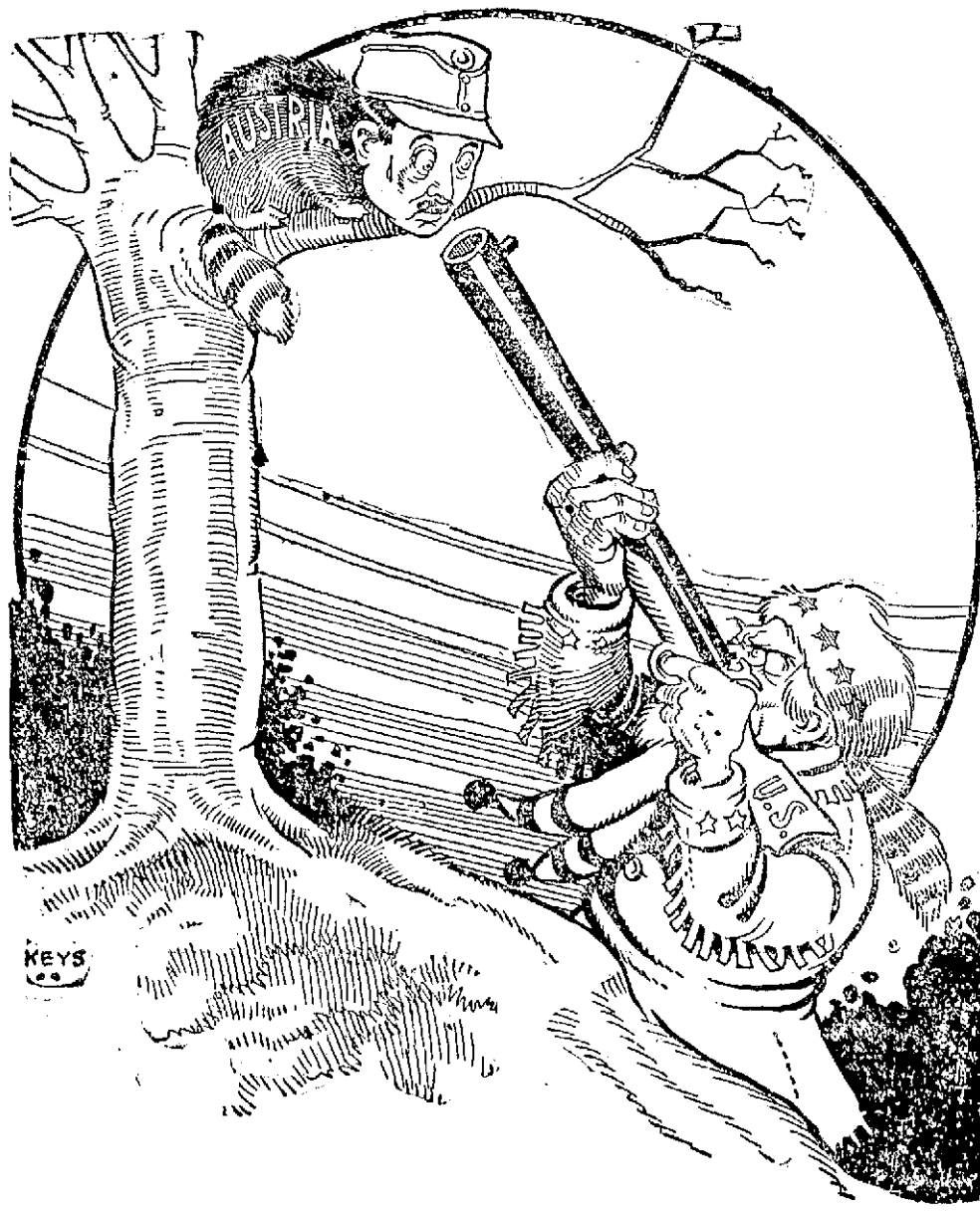
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KARL: "NOW WHAT WAS IT THE COON SAID TO DAVY CROCKETT, THAT TIME?"

EXACT NUMBER OF DEAD MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Smouldering ruins and piles of debris of demolished houses continued today to give up their dead—victims of yesterday's explosion aboard the French liner Mont Blanc, which was wrecked in the harbor of Halifax following a collision with the Belgian relief steamer Imo. In such numbers as to surpass any disaster on this continent in recent years.

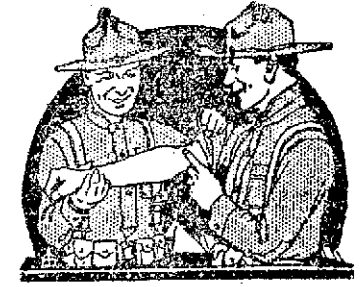
Estimates of the number of dead at 3000 or more appeared to be borne out by the rapidly filling morgues and increasing number of deaths reported from hospitals, private homes, churches and schools where hundreds of injured are being cared for by their more fortunate townsmen and members of relief parties. The exact number of dead, it appeared certain today might never be known on account of the many persons—entire families in some instances—of whom no trace will ever be found other than charred bones in the ruins of their homes.

U. S. Sailors Aid Officials

Relief parties continued the work of succor among the injured which they found in the devastated Richmond section of the city. The city officials from the outside in the form of tons of supplies dispelled fears of a food shortage and left the city government officials free to direct the rescue work, in which soldiers and sailors and police are being assisted by bluejackets from an American warship in the harbor.

All Children in School Killed

Over the flame-swept area of Richmond of approximately two and a half square miles many teachers counted their efforts today to making sure that all the injured were removed to hospitals.



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Three days ago, my arm was simply covered with red, itching eruption and I thought I was up against it for fair. But Joe had a jar of Resinol in his kit. I used a little and the itching stopped right off. In the morning most of the redness was gone and a couple more applications finished it up.

Resinol is sold by all druggists.

Other organized parties sought out those bodies that might be identified. In this section extending from pier 8 back to Guttingen street not a building was left standing and here was the greatest loss of life. Scores of the injured were taken from the ruins of the railway station, the refinery of the American Sugar Refining Co., the military gymnasium and the several hundred children attending the Richmond school are known to have escaped.

Across the narrow in the town of Dartmouth the results of the damage done by the force of the explosion became more apparent today, while reports from towns and villages within a radius of 100 miles indicate that the force of the impact was felt and in some cases resulted in property damage.

The explosion occurred in the narrow, a point in the harbor less than half a mile wide. On the north shore is the town of Dartmouth, on the south shore the Richmond section of the city. Sloping land on each side of the narrow forms in effect a trough, which served to confine the blast and increase its intensity and destructiveness.

The main waterfront buildings, great piers for loading ships and warehouses for munitions and supplies are located south of the narrow, and they escaped the full force of the blow. While these piers and shorehouses are damaged considerably, it was learned today that the facilities for loading transports and munition ships are not so badly crippled as was at first believed.

SNOW STORM IMPEDES RESCUE WORK

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Fires were still burning in the sections of Halifax which were devastated by yesterday's disastrous munitions-ship explosion.

A heavy snow storm set in early this morning seriously impeding the work of rescuing the injured and recovering the bodies of the dead.

The snow fall, however, comes as an aid to the firemen in quenching the flames in the ruins.

Special trains bringing doctors, nurses and medical supplies arrived here today from Moncton, Truro and Windsor. Other special trains have been sent with injured persons to Windsor and other places where there are large hospitals.

There is wreck and ruin on every side. Even the houses in the city are damaged—glass broken, plaster down, windows and doors shattered.

Business is suspended and will be for days. All schools and colleges have been closed until after New Year's.

No new estimate of the dead and injured was available here this morning. Sailors from an American warship in port are on patrol duty in all the streets. All the power plants are idle.

**DETAILS OF HORRORS BY
EYE WITNESSES**

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7.—Eye-witnesses of the Halifax explosion reaching here today told details of the horrors through which they passed. The party were 11 young women students from Mt. St. Vincent academy, including Miss Catherine White and Miss Dorothy McKenzie, of Dorchester, Mass.

Edward P. Barry, a St. John postal clerk, was at Richmond during the worst of the catastrophe. "It was terrible," he said. "People were dying in our car like flies. Scores of them rushed to the place with noses shot off, eyes put out, faces slashed with flying glass, limbs torn and distorted. On one occasion while we were working around a wrecked building we could see a little baby 60 feet or more underneath a burning mass, crying for aid. We could not get within 30 feet of the child and had to watch while it burned to death. Men and women and children were lying on the street and hundreds must have been buried beneath wreckage.

A train conductor J. C. Gillespie said that at Richmond fully 90 per cent of the buildings collapsed, babies were lying in the streets dead, mothers and fathers killed. He mentioned the family of Ernest Cameron, a C.P.R. operator who was killed with all his family.

Crash Due to Mixed Signals

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—The munitions ship Mont Blanc, which figured in the crash in Halifax harbor, which resulted in yesterday's disaster, was a vessel of 2500 net tons.

The crew of the vessel escaped. The pilot declared the crash was due to a confusion of signals. The Mont Blanc arrived at a United States Atlantic port Nov. 5. No details are available of her movements since that date. The vessel was chartered by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. She was built at Middlesbrough in 1899 and her gross tonnage was 3121. She was 330 feet long.

The relief ship which collided with the Mont Blanc was the Imo.

Tremendous Property Damage

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 7.—No accurate statement of the number of persons killed and wounded as a result of the blowing up of the French munitions steamer Mont Blanc in Halifax harbor yesterday, after collision with the Belgian relief steamer Imo, was available here early today. Estimates made by hundreds of survivors who came here during the day and night vary from 200 to 3000 killed. The property damage, chiefly along the waterfront and in the manufacturing, wholesale and residential districts, will reach several million dollars.

True Centre of Relief Activities

Truro, a manufacturing town of 6000 inhabitants, the nearest place of importance to Halifax, was made a centre of relief activities. This is a leading junction point of provincial railways and on the direct line from Halifax to New Brunswick, Quebec and points in the United States. It was from here that the first doctors, nurses and laborers were sent to the stricken city.

It was impossible to care for all the injured persons in Halifax, where the hospitals were quickly overburdened, and a large number were sent to Truro for treatment. One train brought 200. Arrangements were hastily made to care for these and to extend hospitality to the many homeless men, women and children who came here as quickly as they could get away from Halifax. Railway facilities were taxed to their utmost. Canadian government railway officials and employees worked all night and put into service every available piece of rolling stock.

Rush Food to Victims

Steps were taken today to rush to Halifax all the food that could be obtained. Refugees said that many people were without food and that the need of a large supply from outside was urgent. Supplies of clothing and blankets also went forward as rapidly as possible. Although the weather remained fair the temperature was

below freezing and there was much suffering over night among the thousands whose homes had been wrecked. The work of the railroad men included making arrangements to expedite the movement across the peninsula of relief trains from St. John, N. B., and other points. The relief train from Massachusetts cannot arrive here before this evening.

Fires Still in Progress

The latest reports received here indicated that the conflagration in Halifax was brought under control last night, although fires were still in progress in several parts of the city. Apparently the flames were chiefly in the Richmond district. Firemen from Truro, accompanied by many volunteers, assisted in fighting the fires.

Bodies of U. S. Sailors

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 7.—A telegraph operator sent here from Halifax by the Western Union Telegraph Co. said today that he saw the bodies of several sailors of the United States navy who had been killed by the explosion yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Reports to the navy indicate there was no American ship in the harbor of Halifax at the time of the explosion and officials are inclined to think that if American sailors had been caught in the blast, it would have been reported in the

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early despatch from a naval commander who went in to help after hearing the detonation 53 miles at sea.

500 On Ship At Halifax Safe

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Word that the passengers and crew of the Holland-America line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam are safe in Halifax, was received at the local offices of the line today.

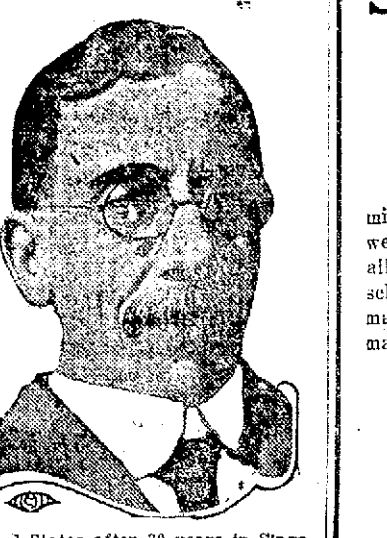
It was known the Nieuw Amsterdam had arrived in Halifax some days ago, but in absence of word of her clearing the port, officials of the line had feared for the safety of the 350 members of the ship's crew and her 300 passengers. The ship also carried a cargo of 10,000 tons of grain for the relief of Belgians.

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United States after 30 years in Singapore as a Methodist missionary.

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LOWELL MAN SHOOT 270-POUND BUCK IN THE GROTON WOODS

Another young king of the forest bit the dust yesterday when a fine, well set-up buck, weighing 270 pounds dropped in his tracks at the crack of a Lowell man's gun. Groton was the scene of the tragedy and the man with the gun was Joseph Carpenito. Mr. Carpenito, in company with Harry Gonzalez and Assistant City Clerk William McCarthy, started to the woods yesterday morning in search of big game. They had heard the call of the wild and answered in person. Shortly after entering the woods, the fine young buck in question, more curious than cautious, took a view of the intruders

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from a point that exposed him to the enemy. Mr. Carpenito was the first to see him. A report rang out and a member of the much-hunted family of the forest bit the dust. The buck will be placed on exhibition at Joe Flynn's market, the scene of the business life activities of Harry Gonzalez' old pal, the late Joseph Flynn.

NEEDS OF DEPENDENT NEGRO SOLDIERS TO BE CARED FOR BY \$2,000,000 FUND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Needs of dependent negro soldiers are to be cared for by a \$2,000,000 fund being raised by the National Colored Soldiers' comfort committee with headquarters here.

George Topikau is the tailor to have make your overcoat or suit. He will please you.

IMPERSONATED OFFICER

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—J. Francis Toomey pleaded guilty yesterday to impersonating an officer in the United States army and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kas. He led a gay life at leading clubs and hotels, using bogus checks. His home is said to be at Elmira, N. Y.

Old Soldier Gives Recommendation

Gustav Wangelin, Commander of G. A. R. Post, Elkhartville, Ill., writes: "I highly recommend Foley's Kidney Pills, which I prefer to all others I have used and consider them 'Johnny on the spot'." Foley's Kidney Pills give quick relief from backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, languidness, pains in groin and muscles, all other symptoms of kidney trouble and sleep disturbing bladder ailments. They assist nature in restoring strength and vitality. Falls & Burkinshaw, 418 Middlesex st. and Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central st.

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We suggest a dainty satin Camisole in white or flesh color, pretty lace trimmed..... **.59 to 1.98**

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Girls' Slip-on and Coat Sweaters **2.98 to 5.98**

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HALIFAX DISASTER

Continued
ing the day. The special train sent from Boston by direction of Gov. McCall of Massachusetts will arrive this evening.

Business Suspended; Schools Closed

Virtually all business is suspended and the schools are closed, while the inhabitants generally are turning their attention to relief work. Soldiers and sailors, including seamen from an American warship which rushed to the port when it received word of the disaster, are patrolling the stricken district and aiding in the rescue work.

All Over in Ten Seconds

William Barton, former telegraph editor of the Montreal Gazette and now traveling auditor for the Canadian Imperial munitions board, related today his experiences during the explosion. He was at breakfast in the Halifax hotel.

In ten seconds it was all over," Mr. Barton said. "A low, rumbling, a quake shock, with everything vibrating, then an indescribable noise, followed by the fall of plaster and the smashing of glass. A cry went up: 'A German bomb.' A rush for the door, heading down the hallway amid falling pictures, glass and plaster, to the swinging doors of a few seconds before, now ripped from their hinges, through great projecting triangular pieces of glass to the street. Here I found myself with a burden. How she had come into my arms I do not know, yet here she was, hysterically shrieking: 'Oh, my poor sister, my poor sister!'"

"Outside, overhead a giant smoke cloud was moving northward, danger seemed over."

I crossed the road, laid my feminine burden on a doorstep and returned to the hotel. My aid, for I was unscathed, was possibly needed far more there. I made my way upstairs to the rooms of two friends. The rooms were vacant. Once more I was in the street, meeting my companions on the threshold. They, too, were unscathed.

Wounded Everywhere

"Our plans were quickly made. We were off to the immediate vicinity of the disaster—for, among many theories, we accepted as most plausible the blowing up of a munition ship. Towards Citadel Hill we wended our way and the farther we went the more horrible the aftermath. The improvised stretcher met us on all sides, converging into the main thoroughfares from the highways and byways. The wounded were everywhere; but most of these unfortunates could hobble or walk. We kept on."

"Our hurry-scurry had led to the armory. Here the khaki-clad men were already on parade, many of the soldiers showing wounds bound with handkerchiefs."

Grim Work Ahead

"As we passed they were already on the march toward the more devastated area. The order had gone forth: 'Conquer all vehicles, automobile or horse.' A car was drawn across the streets and passengers were forced to alight and resume their journeys afoot. There was grim work ahead."

Fire Breaks Out in 100 Places

It was established today that it was 25 minutes after the collision before the explosion occurred. At the first shock houses rocked, vessels broke from their moorings, bits of shells twisted through the air, buildings fell upon their occupants, shrieks and moans rose for a moment awful, the awful din and in all parts of the city men, women and children ran in the streets, many of them insufficiently clad. Then fire broke out in a hundred places.

People Flee to Safety

Orders were at first given that everybody should flee to the south of the city, and in a short time, Barrington street was crowded with people fleeing to safety. Every variety of vehicle was pressed into service for the sick and injured. The wildest rumors were in circulation and every house of lodging was immediately surrounded. When, later, automobiles brought the good word that the danger was under control, the crowds returned to find their homes a mass of wreckage or in ashes and relatives dead or wounded.

Reports 5000 Killed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Five thousand are believed to have been killed in the explosion in Halifax harbor and the fire which swept North Halifax and Dartmouth, N. S., according to a report from a naval commander, reaching the navy department early today. The navy despatch said these figures had not been verified, however. The report which came from a naval commander who witnessed the explosion from a point 52 miles off Halifax and later proceeded to the harbor to render aid, said that all of North Halifax was destroyed, three ships sunk and many others damaged. "The ruins of buildings are now burning fiercely in North Halifax," the despatch concludes. The report as given out by the navy department said:



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MASS. RELIEF SPECIAL DELAYED BY WRECK

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 7.—The relief train sent to Halifax by Gov. McCall and the state public safety committee of Massachusetts was delayed for ten minutes early today by a freight wreck on the Maine Central railroad at Burnham Junction, 13 miles from here. The train passed through Waterville shortly after 3 a. m.

Five freight cars had been derailed just ahead of the train, and the tracks were piled high with wreckage. Telegraph poles also had been knocked down cutting off communication between this city and Bangor. The relief train was able to pass around the wreck and was given preference over all other traffic. It left Waterville at 3:30.

Further Relief to Halifax

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Plans for extending further relief to the stricken city of Halifax were taken up at a meeting today of the executive board of the state committee on public safety and the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association. The meeting was called by Henry B. Kendrick, executive manager of the safety committee, after he had sent a despatch to the city officials of Halifax announcing that a special relief train was on its way and expressing the state's willingness to extend any further aid that might be necessary.

Gov. McCall announced that he had appointed Robert Winsor of this city treasurer of the Halifax relief fund.

Send Red Cross Nurses

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Red Cross officials made preparations today to send more physicians and nurses to Halifax. It was said that further assistance was necessary. James Jackson, head of the northeastern division after conferring with officials of the organization at Washington, stated that he was only awaiting definite word as to the number and condition of the injured and a special train would be started without delay if the situation was found to be such as to require further outside aid.

EXPLOSION HEARD 75 MILES FROM SCENE

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 7.—The explosion was so terrific that it was heard 75 miles from the scene. The telegraph and telephone offices for 20 miles around Halifax, while it was heard at Truro, 70 miles distant. The roof of the railway depot at North Halifax was shattered, while all the warehouses on the waterfront for a mile and a half were damaged. The premises affected in many places caught fire.

The force of the concussion was so great that freight cars were blown off railway tracks along a stretch of nearly two miles. Messages asking for fire engines and fire fighting apparatus, doctors and nurses, hospital supplies, etc., were received from Halifax by a number of localities in Nova Scotia. Special trains were made up with everything required that could be secured.

At Truro, Windsor and here the city committees met this morning and decided to take immediate steps to render aid to the afflicted people at Halifax. It is understood that large quantities of food were destroyed and that the citizens of Halifax may soon be in danger of starving.

It was decided that carloads of food must be dispatched at once. The damage done to the Western Union and Canadian Pacific Telephone companies and Nova Scotia Telephone company is so complete it is likely to be days before wire communication with points outside Halifax can be restored.

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WHEN YOU RETURN FOR THE CHANGE YOU LEFT

ASSESSORS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors will be held at the state house in Boston next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and it is expected that assessors from every part of the state will attend. Dinner will be served, the election of officers will be held and an address will be delivered by Deputy Bond of the Income Tax Department. Assessors Blazon, O'Sullivan and Hogan of this city will attend.

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Ladies' All Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, at 50c Each or 6 in a Box at \$3.00

Ladies' All Linen Colored Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, 4 in a Box at \$1.00

Ladies' Embroidered One Corner Effect Handkerchiefs at 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c Each

Ladies' Colored Embroidered One Corner Effect Handkerchiefs at 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c Each

Ladies' Embroidered Modern Handkerchiefs at 25c Each

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in a Box at 50c

Ladies' Sheer Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 25c, 35c, 50c Each

Ladies' Sheer Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1-10 in. hem, at 25c Each

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 4 in a Box at 50c

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in a Box at \$1.00

Ladies' All Linen Embroidered One Corner Effects at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00 Each

Ladies' All Linen Hand Embroidered Modern Handkerchiefs, at 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 Each

East Section

Ladies' Colored Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 different styles, at 29c Each

Ladies' Cotton Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 5c Each

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Boys' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 12 1/2c Each

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a Box at 25c

Children's Silk Handkerchiefs at 5c Each

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

Men's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1 1/2 and 3/4 inch hems, at 15c, 25c, 38c and 50c Each

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Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, at 12 1/2c Each, or 6 in a Box at 75c

Men's All Linen Longfellow Initial Handkerchiefs, at 38c Each, 3 in a Box at \$1.00

Men's Hemstitched Cotton Handkerchiefs, 1 1/2 inch hem, at 5c and 10c Each

Men's Japonette Khaki Handkerchiefs, at 15c, 19c, 25c Each

Men's All Linen Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, at 50c Each

Men's Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs at 25c Each

Men's Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, at 25c and 50c Each

Men's Plain Silk Handkerchiefs, at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

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TURKEYS, Lb. 25c

Campbell's Soups	10c	POTATOES, pk.	25c
Flake White Lard, lb.	23c	FANCY POTATOES, pk.	39c
Native Dressed Figs, lb.	24c	Sweet Oranges, doz.	15c
Thick Ribs of Corned Beef, lb.	12 1/2c	Fancy Apples	20c
Briskets, lb.	12 1/2c	Sweet Potatoes	7 lbs. 25c
STEAKS—Sirloin, Rump, Round, lb.	20c	Fancy Potatoes	2 bushel bags \$3.50

REPORT BULGARIA AND TURKEY TO QUIT WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Both the senate and the house are expected to complete debate and adopt the resolutions declaring war against Austria-Hungary before adjournment tonight. Interest in this however, was overshadowed by information laid before the senate foreign relations committee by the state department yesterday afternoon to the effect that strong hope is entertained for a separate peace with Bulgaria and Turkey.

As a result of the state department information the foreign relations committee did not include Bulgaria and Turkey in the war declaration, although some members remained unconvinced as to the inadvisability of declaring war upon all of Germany's allies.

On the republican side of the committee the belief was voiced that the administration had no good ground for hoping that Turkey and Bulgaria would quit the war.

Several other reasons which were not disclosed were advanced by the state department against an immediate declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria. Some members took the view, too, that declaration of war against Bulgaria and Turkey should be embodied in separate resolutions.

Text of Senate Resolve

The text of the resolution as finally reported by the senate foreign relations committee follows:

"Joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and the people of the United States of America, making provision to prosecute the same.

"Whereas, the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of America, in congress assembled, That a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and that the president be, and he is, hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire navy and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination; and the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States."

The language of the senate resolution is almost identical with that of the resolution declaring war against Germany, adopted last April.

In less than half an hour after the committee had reconvened for the afternoon session unanimous agreement had been reached on the resolution.

Passed Over Only for a Time

Senator Stone explained that the question of declaring war against Turkey and Bulgaria had simply been passed over for the time being, and that members of the committee expected to study the question thoroughly and examine information before the state department on the matter. It was understood that no member of the committee was bound by yesterday's action to support any resolution that

may be offered for a declaration of war against all the central powers.

Senator Stone will present the Austrian resolution to the senate shortly after it meets at noon today. As a parliamentary expedient the resolution will be offered as a substitute for the resolution introduced in the senate Tuesday by Senator Pittman of Nevada on behalf of Senator King of Utah. Senator Stone will ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration and unless some senator of the pacifist group objects debate will proceed at once.

Senator Borah of Idaho last night gave out a statement saying he would like to see a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria as the Teutonic forces are a unit and all orders come from Berlin.

BIG TEUTONIC DRIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 6. (By the Associated Press).—The big operation which the enemy is attempting in the north is virtually a repetition of the burning movement he executed six weeks ago in the great offensive above Gorizia. At that time he broke through the upper end of the line and thus endangered the lower end of the line. This is exactly the situation which is being repeated today.

The Austro-German attack on Melet, not only affects the lines in that region, but it (the enemy) has driven through and drive his way southward to the plains it might place him on the left flank of the Piave line. The line east of Asiago probably is stronger today than before the retirement yesterday as it is now a straight line. Formerly it was like a long inverted letter U with the Italians on the inside of the U.

It has been established that while field Marshal von Hottendorf is directing the movement, Gen. von Kroll's forces also are co-operating. In addition to the superiority in numbers the Austro-Germans are taking advantage of the backward season and are striking before the mountain snows impede operations. The snow is only a few inches deep whereas in December it usually reaches a depth of from four to ten feet. One such snowfall now would be worth divisions. Only skis today indicate snow.

Austrian prisoners taken in the past few days say that the release of Russian prisoners held in Austria began ten days ago. Austria took the initiative in this without waiting for Russia to release Austrian prisoners. Each Russian prisoner was schooled carefully in Austria's desire to end the war.

The splendid showing the Italians made single-handed on the Asiago plateau is leading to the frequent remark that the Asiago plateau will be the Italian Verdun.

An eye-witness from the Asiago gave the correspondent details of the extent of the carnage.

In one case a small detachment of horsemen met the shock of an entire

Austrian regiment. Austrian Kaiser, in fierce hand-to-hand fighting, using stiletos as well as bayonets in the hand-to-hand fighting.

But the greatest single instance of heroism and loss was in the case of several detachments of Alpini, which held Monte Castelomberto against overwhelming odds until surrounded completely. Thus encircled they made repeated charges, but the heavy surrounding lines held and the entire party was still on the mountain when the remainder of the Italian line fell back.

Conditions this morning were virtually unchanged. Much depends upon the ability of the Italians to hold the passes to which they have now retired, commanding the Brenta valley and the plains.

Every patriotic man is saying: "I am going dry for duration."

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SLIGHT DAMAGE IN RAID ON LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Most of the damage done in London yesterday morning in the German air raid, appears to have been the work of a single airplane which hovered over the city and dropped five explosives and two incendiary bombs. One of the explosive bombs fell near a residential block, breaking windows, while an incendiary bomb falling on a wall paper and brush establishment caused a large fire. A laundry, a brewery and an occupied school and a glassware storehouse also were struck, but there were no casualties in these places.

EASTHAMPTON MAN ONE OF FIVE AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO DIE IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Deaths from natural causes of men in the army in France were reported today as follows:

Private Adolph Bledzycki, engineers, Nov. 25; heart failure; East Chicago, Ind.

Private Paul Lindley, engineers, Dec. 4; measles, complicated with broncho-pneumonia; Addy, Wash.

Mechanic Charles C. McNett, field artillery, Dec. 4; rupture spleen, abdominal hemorrhage; Casper, Wyo.

Private William S. Matthews, stevedore regiment, Dec. 4; fracture of skull; Baltimore, Md.

Private Abner L. Clark, infantry, Dec. 2; Mrs. H. D. Clark, mother, Easthampton, Mass.

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BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Benjamin Campbell, traffic vice-president of the New Haven road, and George H. Eaton, assistant general freight agent of the Boston & Maine, were the only witnesses at yesterday afternoon's session of the freight and passenger rate hearing before a Commerce Commission Anderson at the federal building.

The morning was devoted by Commissioner Anderson and the members of state public service commission present to conference with the shippers and railroad officials.

Both Sides Eager to Help

Forty shippers and representatives of chambers of commerce attended the shippers' conference, while all the New England roads were represented by officers and counsel. Both conferences were informal and private. Commissioner Anderson said that both shippers and railroad officials showed a disposition to do everything possible to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of passenger and freight rates on New England roads.

Commissioner Anderson and Mr. Campbell had a discussion on the less-than-carload lot question and considerable statistical testimony was offered. The commissioner, turning then to the passenger question, asked Mr. Campbell to furnish figures showing the average cost per passenger per car mile in Pullman cars and the same in ordinary coaches.

Mr. Campbell promised to do this. In answer to a question by Transportation Manager Chandler of the chamber of commerce, the witness said he understood the rates proposed would be permanent and they were not sought as far as he knew, as a war emergency measure.

Holds I. C. C. Responsible

Mr. Eaton testified as to the geographical problems on the Boston & Maine and presented a mass of figures on freight rates. He declared the decision of the commission in 1913 was responsible for the present complicated freight rates.

Asked by the commissioner if he was satisfied with the present rates as fixed by the commission in 1913, Mr. Eaton said he was not.

Mr. Eaton then went into the rate question in detail, covering the entire Boston & Maine system. He said it would take a trial of several months to determine what effect the proposed rates would have. He believed that if the rates set by the commission should be advanced, Mr. Eaton thought the proposed rates would bring the road about \$1,000,000 added revenue.

The hearing will be resumed today.

You should have a tailor-made suit for Christmas. No better place to order than George Topjian's, corner Appleton and Central streets.

Although he is president of the Spring Valley Water company and has spent \$500,000 in a lakeside residence near Crystal Spring lakes, San Mateo county, Cal., William Bowers Bunker has found that he cannot get a water supply for his new home. The problem is a big one and is also expensive. The home is about completed and will soon be ready for occupancy, provided water can be obtained.

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In view of your remarkable and superior qualities so "modestly" admitted and so widely CIRCULATED by you in your advertisements and speeches, why don't you take your fellow citizens into your confidence and tell them frankly your views on questions and issues that so far have been the chief topic of discussion in this campaign?

SCHOOL BOARD RECORD

When you became a member of the school board in 1912 the expenditures for our school department for the year 1911 amounted to \$401,969.74. After serving two years as a member of the school board the expenditures in our school department increased to \$456,000.18, showing a net increase during your service on the school board of \$54,030.44. The board of which you were a member had the distinction of spending more money for the administration of our school system than was ever spent before in the history of the city.

In the event of your election, with the application of the same "economic" principles, can you tell your fellow citizens how much it will cost in an increased tax rate for your services as mayor?

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BRYAN PRAISES PRES. WILSON'S MESSAGE

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 7.—William Jennings Bryan arrived in this city from Rumford yesterday morning. He spoke to the pupils of the high school and addressed the Bates college students in the college chapel on "Public Speaking." Last evening he gave a lecture at city hall.

In an interview yesterday afternoon he said the president's appeal to Germany was a most eloquent one and it should produce a pronounced impression. "I hope," he said, "that it will be translated into the German language and carried beyond the borders of airplanes, that it may get to these masses unobscured."

Mr. Bryan also predicted the passage by congress of both the prohibitory and woman suffrage amendments.



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SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended and interesting meeting of Division 1, A.O.U.M., was held last night in A.O.U.M. hall. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the coming year which resulted as follows: President, John Joseph McGowan; vice president, Dr. Patrick J. Magley; recording secretary, John Murphy; financial secretary, James Sheehan; treasurer, Michael P. Connelley; doorkeeper, Patrick J. Barrett; physician, John E. Doyle; sick committee, Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Timothy D. Finnegan and Patrick Cullinan.

The annual dance of the division will take place on New Year's eve. John Joseph McGowan was elected general manager and James E. Burns was elected poor director for the dance.

Next Sunday at 2 o'clock in A.O.U.M. hall there will be a class initiation by the three divisions and the degrees will be given by the degree team from Division 12 of Wakefield.

The members of Elgin Lodge, N.E.M.U., was held last night in Veritas hall, Branch street. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted during the evening. The nomination of officers resulted as follows: Warden, John W. Robertson; vice warden, Mrs. A. H. Jackson; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Burrows; financial secretary, Mrs. A. C. Burrows; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Burrows; chaplain, Mrs. L. A. Chapman; guide, Mrs. Dora A. Chase; guardian, S. E. Fisher; month, Mrs. L. E. O'Brien; trustor for three years, Mrs. S. J. Brock; pianist, Mrs. L. A. Chapman; representative to grand lodge, Mrs. Dora A. Chase; Mrs. H. A. Burrows; Mrs. H. E. O'Brien; alternate, Mr. H. Burrows and H. E. O'Brien. The officers nominated will be elected at the next regular meeting, Dec. 29.

The regular meeting of Lowell East of O.W.S. was held last night in

Elks hall and was presided over by Past President R. J. Flynn owing to the absence of President C. W. Richards. Several applications for membership were received and communications from the supreme nest were read. Considerable interest is being shown in the drive for new members. Nominations were made for the officers for the coming year, and at the next meeting there will be a lively fight for the various offices. After the meeting, a social hour was held, with an entertainment under the management of Michael J. Gorman and

closing with a toast to the absent members who are now at the front.

Mooseheart Legion, 92, Auxiliary to the Loyal Order of Moose, held its regular meeting in Odd Fellows hall last night. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted, it being installation of officers for the coming year. The meeting was presided over by the new senior regent, Antonette Morla and there were remarks by several members. Following the business meeting a conference was held with the Loyal Order of Moose to organize a guild for knitting for the Moose soldiers in France, also a committee formed to

have a Christmas tree at Odd Fellows hall, Dec. 23.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of B. F. Butler Relief Corps Wednesday night. Mrs. Bessie H. Cummings presiding. Considerable routine business was transacted and one new member was initiated. Several applications for membership were received. Officers for the coming term were elected as follows: President, Miss Mary A. Smith; senior vice, Mrs. Minnie Barton; junior vice, Mrs. Katherine Galt; treasurer, Miss Bernice Staples; chaplain, Mrs. MacFadden; conductor, Mrs. Helena Quinn; guard, Mrs. Sarah Simmons; delegate to convention, Mrs. Elsie Streeter and alternate, Mrs. Maude Richardson.

A joint installation is to be held the first Wednesday in January, of Post 42, Corps 15 and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary 47. It was voted to have a supper and plans were made for a golden jubilee of Post 42, Jan. 15.

Arrangements were made to send a Christmas box to the Soldiers' home in Chelsea and donations to be brought to the next meeting. Communications were received from the baskets of fruit sent out Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Lydia Bartlett, president-elect and Mrs. Elsie Streeter, secretary-elect of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary 47, were presented to the corps by Conductor H. Quinn. The corps voted \$10 to the Red Triangle campaign and the meeting adjourned with salute to the flag.

There are seven candidates for the nomination for commissioner of the village of Merrimack, Mich., although the village itself, as such, does not yet exist. There will be a vote on the incorporation of the community Dec. 19.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH—The bazaar under the auspices of the Swedish Lutheran church, which was started Wednesday evening, was brought to a close last evening. The

attendance was large and those in charge of the salesables reported a brisk business. The proceeds of the event will go toward the support of the Lutheran churches.

Last evening's entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental selections by the following: William Heller, Elizabeth Swenson, Mr. Swedberg and Miss Edith Brown.

UNDER one of his cartoons was the statement: "The fact that 71 per cent. of the drafted men claimed exemption shows how beautiful is the war enthusiasm of the great American people."

Markel declared that since the United States entered the war he had confined his efforts as a propagandist to seeking continuance of the teaching of German in the public schools.

INTERNEED AS DANGEROUS EXHIBIT ALIENS ON ELLIS ISLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. Otto Julius Markel, a German writer and lecturer, and Hans Stengel, an artist and cartoonist, were interned as dangerous enemy aliens on Ellis Island by order of John C. Knox, assistant United States district attorney. Stengel was connected with the German publication, The Zepplin, the name of which was changed to Helen Spiegel when the United States entered the war.

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EQUITABLE BASIS FOR RAILROAD REVENUES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A plea that President Wilson and congress should, without delay, order that an equitable basis for railroad revenues be instituted at once, was voiced by Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad company, in a message read yesterday before the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance presidents, in session here.

"Let us have an end to restrictive, cramping, punitive regulation and begin an era of constructive, broadening work," wrote Mr. Rea. "Let us consider how much the railroads can wisely spend, rather than how little they can get along on."

Owing to his duties with the railroads' war board, President Rea was unable to deliver his message in person. Instead, he wrote in part:—

"Let me say, most emphatically, that neither American agriculture nor industry can possibly progress beyond the capacity of the transportation facilities of the nation to handle their raw materials, and their products. When you stop railroad expansion in a country of such distances, population, industrial and agricultural activities as ours, you automatically set a dead limit to the expansion of commerce and production."

"As one of the chief of the underlying causes which have been sapping our resources of transportation, would name the continued failure to provide an adequately remunerative basis of rates. The direct effect of this error has been to make it difficult to raise and sustain sufficient capital for the improvements and extensions which are sorely needed. In the main, for restricting the charges for transportation, the financial possibility of permanently maintaining quality of service seems to have been overlooked. Aside from military considerations, we, in the railroad industry, know from personal observation that what the public and industries need is service, rather than the saving of a fraction of a mill per ton mile. We know that there are many shippers in this country today who would gladly pay more than the established rates to have their commodities moved promptly and regularly. The operating results and the net returns of the railroads for many years show there has been a constant rise in expenses

and taxes, and a decreasing return on the investment in road and equipment. "I do not want to convey the impression that the railroad situation is hopeless or that the credit of the roads is entirely crippled. Such is not the case. Their credit can be sustained and their usefulness increased through the adoption by the regulating authorities of a responsible and unified policy of fair treatment in the matter of freight rates. The government is allowing reasonable prices and profits to industry; why not to the railroads?"

"Such a policy, and not the loan of government credit, would, under normal conditions, be a permanent solution for the problem of railroad credit. I do not wish to be understood as saying that a government loan might not be a desirable expedient if, under war conditions, the entire capital market is to be absorbed by the government. But it should be regarded as an

expedient only, justifiable, if at all, as an emergency measure.

"The war is, to a great extent, responsible for the present congestion of traffic and its movement out of normal channels. But the carriers would now be far better able to cope with this condition if they had received more liberal treatment in the matter of rates during the past, at a time when they could have marketed securities and financed improvements while labor and materials were reasonable in cost, and the supply of both wholesome and thoroughly cleaned and improved on railroads is the beginning of decay and the letting down of the standards of service. The lack of sympathetic attitude toward the railroads in governmental quarters has unquestionably led to apprehension as to the future of their securities, and this, I personally believe, if not corrected, will ultimately affect the credit of the government itself."

"Notwithstanding the increasing prices and the difficulty of getting capital, it is imperative that prompt measures be taken to give the railroads relief from the present over-crowding of facilities of a road investment return. Nothing could be more helpful to the country in these trying times than the adoption of a broader, a more liberal and unified policy of regulation. The railroads are the great reliance of the public and the country. The public owns them. Public ownership is not a possibility. It is a fact."

"The energies of our country and its railroads are being devoted primarily to an international service and danger threatening the life of the nation and the world. The day for a small policy and slow action has passed. The railroads have subordinated their interests and activities; the citizens and our courts are ready for a larger and more equitable policy, and the president and congress should without delay recognize that fact and order that an equitable basis of railroad revenues be instituted at once, which will encourage investors to retain their railroad securities and do their share in providing the late transportation facilities of the country. We must get away from the present line of compulsory return for an equitable return in the road as far as devoted to public use. The statistics are at hand to emphasize what the return must be; all that is required is the requisite courage to enact the policy in regulation and legislation."

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LAWLER PRINTING CO. OPENS NEW QUARTERS IN MARKET STREET

Today the Lawler Printing company, after twenty years in business, formerly opened its new office and print shop in Market street, one door from Central street and next to the store of Dickerman & McQuade. A month or two ago when forced to leave the former place of business in Prescott street, the company sought a new location and was fortunate to obtain the convenient, well adapted location which it now occupies. The establishment extends from the rear as far as the canal and occupies the basement of the store as well. In addition to the regular printing business for which entirely new equipment has been installed, the company has opened up a well stocked stationery and office supply department. Miss Katherine P. O'Reilly, who will be pleasantly remembered by the patrons of the store formerly occupied by what is now known as Mr. Thomas H. Lawler, will be found in the new store where she will be pleased to meet her former friends and acquaintances.

As formerly the business will be under the management of J. Lawler Ford, who has been recently elected president of the company.

PLAN TO DARKEN SHOW WINDOWS OF STORES THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—If a recommendation sent out yesterday by the war advisory committee of the National Retail Drygoods association is followed, the lights in the show windows of drygoods stores, throughout the United States will be turned off each evening when the stores close.

The suggestion was forwarded to 3000 department and drygoods establishments in all parts of the country in accordance with the fuel conservation plans being urged by the government. General adoption of the idea would save thousands of tons of coal, the committee declares.

NINE WORKMEN INJURED IN EXPLOSION ON SHIP AT SAN PEDRO, CAL.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Nine workmen were injured in an explosion of gas in the double hold of a vessel under construction at the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.'s plant here yesterday. The explosion was caused by the attachment of a gas supply hose to the air pipe of a riveting machine. Gas, sent instead of air, was ignited by a hot rivet.

HIP, HIP, HOORAY GIRLS

The Hip, Hip, Hooray Girls of this city held a delightful dancing party at Lincoln hall last night. There was a good sized attendance and the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner. Music for dancing was furnished by the Miner-Boyle orchestra. The interior of the hall was decorated in an artistic manner, red, white and blue tauting predominating. The officers of the affair were as follows: Miss Mayteady, general manager; Miss Elizabeth Burgen, assistant general manager; Miss Jo Le. Brechan, floor director, and Miss Jo D. Sheehan, treasurer.

TOWELL LODGE, FIXERS' UNION OF MACHINISTS HOLDS ANNUAL DANCING PARTY

The second annual dancing party under the auspices of Towell lodge, Fixers' union of Machinists, was held in Associate hall last night and the large attendance evidenced the popularity of the members of the organization. The evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, music for a dance order of 20 numbers, with extras, being furnished by Broderick's orchestra.

The officers responsible for the success of the affair were: General manager, Cornelius J. Sullivan, assistant, Timothy Maloney; floor director, Warren H. Rogers; assistant, "Bennie" DeGeorge; chief aid, Philip J. Tully; assistant chief aid, Charles McQuarrie; aids, all members of local 745.

Dance committee: Warren H. Rogers, chairman; Benjamin DeGeorge, Philip J. Tully, Charles McQuarrie, Charles Taylor, Arthur E. Bates, official secretary, Robert C. Dalton; recording secretary, Benjamin Ingham; treasurer, Arthur G. Esola.

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CHILDREN'S BATHROBES—Bathrobes, made of heavy blanketing, in very nice patterns. Regular \$1.50 value. December sale, 90c Each

LONG KIMONOS—Ladies' long kimonos, made of printed flannelette; made in large assortment of patterns—Regular \$1.00 value. December sale, 75c Each
Regular \$1.25 value. December sale, \$1.00 Ea.
Regular \$1.50 value. December sale, \$1.29 Ea.

SHORT KIMONOS—Ladies' short kimonos, made of good printed flannelette. Regular 75c value. December sale 50c Each

CHILDREN'S SKIRTS—Skirts made of heavy flannelette in plain colors. December sale 25c Each

SLEEPING GARMENTS—Children's sleeping garments, made of striped outing flannel. Regular 50c value. December sale, 35c Each

PAJAMAS—Children's pajamas, made of heavy outing flannel. December sale 50c Pair

FLANNELETTE GOWNS—Ladies' night gowns, made of heavy fleeced outing flannel, assorted stripes and white, all nicely trimmed. Regular \$1.00 value. December sale, 75c Each

CHILDREN'S GOWNS—Children's gowns, made of good outing flannel. December sale, 45c Each

FLANNELETTE PETTICOATS—Ladies' petticoats, made of dark and light colored outing flannel. 50c value. December sale 35c

FLANNELETTE PETTICOATS—Ladies' petticoats, made of heavy white and colored outing. Regular 60c value. December sale, 45c Each

GINGHAM PETTICOATS—Ladies' petticoats, made of good heavy gingham and ripplette. Regular 50c value. December sale, 39c Each

RIPLLETTE PETTICOATS—Ladies' ripplette petticoats, made of white and staple stripes ripplette. Regular 60c value. December sale 29c Each

SATEEN SKIRTS—Ladies' skirts, black and colored, made up in several styles. Regular 75c value. December sale 49c

SATEEN SKIRTS—Ladies' skirts, black and colors, made of fine permanent finish in all new styles. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 value. December sale 90c Each

SILK SKIRTS—Ladies' tub silk skirts, assorted colors, all new styles. Regular \$2.00 value. December sale \$1.45 Each

CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Dresses made of percale in light and dark colors, sizes 2 to 6 years. December sale 20c Each

CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Dresses made in a large variety of new styles, of fine gingham, chambray, percale and poplin—Regular 75c value. December sale, 50c Each

Regular \$1.00 to \$1.50 value. December sale 90c Each

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HOUSE DRESSES—House dresses, made of fine gingham, percale and plain chambray, all new fall styles. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 value. December sale \$1.00 Each

BREAKFAST DRESSES—Dresses made of a fine quality of percale in light and medium colors. Regular \$1.00 value. December sale, 59c Each

DRESS SKIRTS—Skirts made of fine blue and black serge in a large assortment of new styles—Regular \$2.50 value, at \$1.69 Each
Regular \$3.00 value, at \$2.50 Each

SHIRT WAISTS—20 dozen ladies' shirt waists of fine lingerie and voile. Regular 50c to 75c value. December sale 29c Each

SHIRT WAISTS—Ladies' shirt waists, made of fine lingerie and voile in a large variety of new styles. December sale 85c Each

SILK WAISTS—15 dozen ladies' silk shirt waists in white and colors. These are odd lots of our \$2.00 value. December sale, \$1.29 Each

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

CORSET COVERS—Ladies' corset covers, made of fine material, trimmed front and back—Regular 25c value. December sale, 20c Each

Regular 30c value. December sale, 29c Each
Regular 50c value. December sale, 39c Each

LADIES' DRAWERS—Ladies' drawers made of fine cotton and cambric, trimmed with extra fine chambray—Regular 25c value. December sale, 20c Pair

Regular 39c value. December sale, 29c Pair
Regular 50c value. December sale, 39c Pair

NIGHT GOWNS—Ladies' night gowns made of fine nainsook and cotton, high or low neck, all nicely trimmed—Regular 50c value. December sale, 39c Each

Regular 85c value. December sale, 65c Each
Regular \$1.00 to \$1.25 value. December sale 85c Each

Regular \$1.50 value. December sale, \$1.29 Each

ENVELOPE CHEMISE—Ladies' envelope chemise, made of fine nainsook, nicely trimmed, a large assortment of new styles—Regular 50c value. December sale, 39c Each

Regular 80c value. December sale, 65c Each
Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 value. December sale 85c Each

Regular \$1.50 value. December sale, \$1.29 Each

BRASSIERES—Ladies' brassieres, made of extra good cloth with Hamburg trimming—Regular 25c value. December sale, 15c Each

Regular 50c value. December sale, 39c Each

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These Suits and Overcoats were purchased by us nearly one year ago, when prices were much lower than today—the saving is all yours.

You will find these garments displayed in our windows today. We ask you to look them over, come into the store, put your hand on the goods and feel some good old all wool, then compare them with Suits and Overcoats displayed around town at \$25.00 and \$30.00. We'll gamble that if you are any judge of value you'll carry home either a Suit or Overcoat, or perhaps both, and have the saving tucked away in your jeans.

Boys' Winter Suits and Overcoats

Boys' Clothing is going to be almost double in price by Spring—and Boys' Wool Clothing will be but a memory. Most of the Boys' Clothing shown for Spring, 1918, is all cotton. Buy your Boys' Spring Clothes now. We have an unusually large stock of Boys' Suits and Overcoats that you can buy at the old prices.

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\$7 \$8 \$10 \$12

BOYS' TRENCH OVERCOATS

Ages 8 to 12 years

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BOYS' TRENCH OVERCOATS

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Men's \$25 Suits.....	\$21.50
Men's \$30 Overcoats.....	\$24.50
Men's \$15 Overcoats.....	\$12.75
Men's \$12.50 Suits.....	\$10.00
Men's \$15 Odd Suits.....	\$8.75
Men's \$15 and \$20 Belted Overcoats (odds).....	\$10.00
Men's \$4.00 Pants.....	\$2.95
Men's \$2.50 Pants.....	\$1.95
Men's \$15 Rain Coats.....	\$11.75
Men's \$5.00 Rain Coats.....	\$3.95
Men's \$3.50 Hats.....	\$2.95
Men's \$1.50 Winter Caps.....	\$1.10
Men's \$1.25 Umbrellas.....	.95c
Men's \$7.00 Sweaters.....	\$5.95
Men's \$6.00 Value Sweaters.....	\$4.25
Men's \$1.50 Shirts.....	\$1.29
Men's \$5.00 Military Sweaters.....	\$3.25
Men's 75c Ribbed Underwear.....	62c
Men's 25c Wool Stockings.....	19c
Men's 25c Cotton Stockings.....	17c
Boys' \$10 Suits, two pants.....	\$8.95
Boys' \$8 Suits, two pants.....	\$6.95
Boys' \$12 Overcoats.....	\$10.95
Boys' \$6 Overcoats.....	\$4.95
Boys' \$1.25 Pants.....	.95c
Boys' \$5, \$6 and \$7 Odd Overcoats; 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15 and 16 sizes.....	\$2.95
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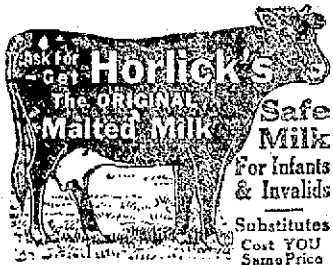
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Open Tonight

CHINESE LABOR FOR FARMS

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 7.—Im-
portation of Chinese labor to Massa-
chusetts for the duration of the war,
is advocated by the state board of
agriculture, which today drew up a



A Nutritious Diet for All Ages.
Keep Horlick's Always on Hand
Quick Lunch; Home or Office.

communication for transmission to
Washington urging that the immigra-
tion laws be changed and the "bars
let down." This action was the re-
sult of a conference of state agri-
culturists at the state house today.
Many of the farmers of the state,
including those surrounding Lowell
and in other parts of Middlesex coun-
ty, are in desperate condition because
of the lack of labor, declares Wilfred
Wheeler, secretary of the state board.
Effort is being made to supply the
deficiency by the use of high school
boys in spare time and women in
many instances. But there is a real,
urgent need for male help which can-
not be secured at any price.
Recently about 15,000 coolies were
imported from China for farm work
in France and 5000 others for similar
work in Cuba. The strange part of it
all was that they had to pass through
this country on their way to France,
but not one of them could be held
here on account of the strict immigra-
tion laws. The coolie is a good
farmer, the secretary says, and is
very apt in learning to do what is
wanted of him by imitating his em-
ployer. This fact does away with the
objection that Massachusetts farmers
would not be able to communicate
with their help because they don't
understand Chinese.
Under the existing federal laws no
labor of the coolie kind can be im-
ported "for a period of more than six
months" and then they must be sent
back. It is just this six months' pro-
vision of the law that the state board
of agriculture wants to have stricken
from the law. Mr. Wheeler declared

SAVE MEAT
by serving more stuffing when you
serve roast meats, poultry,
fish and game.
If this dressing is flavored with Bell's Sea-
soning it adds to the pleasure of the meal.
ASK GROCERS FOR



today that if the coolie labor could
be used on farms of this state for a
period of two years abundant crops
would result. He specifies particularly,
however, that the coolies be sent
back to China when the war is over.
HOYT.

SECRETS OF OLDEST "BLACK HAND"

Special to The Sun
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec.—The di-
abolical practices of the oldest of all
black-hand societies have been re-
vealed here by Dr. Joseph Clark, pion-
eer missionary who recently came out
of the far African bush for the first
time in 30 years.
"Like the notorious Mafia," said Dr.
Clark, "certain African secret societies
can be employed to arrange the murder
of any person for definite and often
ridiculously low prices."
Among the most fiendish of these
organizations is the Nkima.
"Its members live largely by thiev-
ery. A favorite ruse is for a band



An aboriginal black-hander from the African bush.

of the Nkima to rush through a na-
tive village with wild outcries—a sort
of pseudo-drive on the devil. Then
while the devil is being routed and the
frightened villagers are scattered, the
Nkima are stealing everything they
can lay hands on.
"They rub their bodies with white
clay, and when a member is seen in
the act of thievery he has but to run
to the sacred enclosure of the society
to escape justice.
"For anyone not a member of the
organization to enter this enclosure
means almost certain death.
"I have several times saved both
whites and natives from the murder-
ous Nkima at great personal risk.
"One boy who had fired at a mem-
ber of the band in its depredations
escaped death when a missionary
pleaded for him before the village
chief thus:
"The Nkima claim they are in-
visible. How then could the boy
have shot at someone he could not
see?
"To uphold the claim of the Nkima
fetich, the chief dismissed the charges,
saying, 'Of course the boy could not
have seen this man!'"

KERENSKY IS TOO SOFT HEARTED SAYS TOLSTOI

Count Ilya Tolstoi, second son of the
illustrious Russian author, has just
returned from an extensive survey of
Russia, saying that Kerensky's fall was



due to his sentimentalism and his
fear that the liberty of press and
speech might be curtailed.
"He was too idealistic for the Rus-
sia of today," said the Count.

NEW BEDFORD MAN BEARS THAT FATHER AND MOTHER WERE KILLED AT BATTLE

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 7.—Percy
Stevens, a New Bedford weaver, re-
ceived a telegram today from his sis-
ter in Halifax with the news that his
father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac
Stevens, were killed in the Halifax fire.
No details were sent.

Chalifoux's CORNER



Only 96 to be Sold While They
Last Beginning Today

Any Coat
Any Suit
Any Dress

\$10

In this list of values up to \$40.00

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NOR CAN WE
SEND THEM
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- 15 Suits, estimated value \$18.50
- 10 Suits, estimated value \$25.00
- 5 Suits, estimated value \$27.50
- 2 Suits, estimated value \$27.50
- 3 Evening Dresses, value \$25.00
- 2 Evening Dresses, value \$40.00
- 12 Purly Dresses, estimated \$18.50
- 4 Afternoon Dresses, estimated \$19.00
- 5 Taffeta Dresses, estimated \$18.50
- 10 Serge Dresses, estimated \$17.50
- 12 Women's Coats, estimated \$25.00
- 11 Coats, estimated \$20.00
- 5 Children's Coats, estimated \$16.50



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BY THE
BOSTON
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

In the December Record catalog,
the Victor Talking Machine Co.
says:
"For years we have been urged,
importuned, to issue symphony or-
chestra records, but we have stud-
ily refrained because in our experi-
ence no one had ever succeeded in
making adequate reproductions of
such music.
"An orchestra of forty pieces was
about the limit, until recently; and
in a symphony orchestra there are
about a hundred. In the Boston
Symphony there are an even hun-
dred. After years of research and
experimentation, we feel that this
one latest achievement is worthy
of our best traditions, for it makes
available a whole province of music
which so far has remained un-
touched, and offers the music lover
the first of a series of symphony
orchestra records which far sur-
pass any orchestral records obtain-
able anywhere in the world."
ASK FOR THESE RECORDS:
18402, 10 in. 75c—Where the Morn-
ing Glories Grow, Elizabeth Spen-
cer with Sterling Trio; My Sun-
shine Jams, Sterling Trio
18404, 10 in. 75c—Melody Land,
Shannon Four; Cheer Up, Edna,
American Quartet.
The X. Y. Hippodrome Hit
64496—Keep the Home Fires Burn-
ing By John McCormack
18374—Somewhere in France Is
Daddy By Charles Hart
18307—Joan of Arc By Willie Weston
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Terms as low as \$1.00 Down
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The "Newport"
One of the many
clever young men's
P&Q models.—Note
the three quarter
belt, the shoulder
drape and general
smartness of the
whole suit.



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Values
And Get The
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The Secret of P&Q Success

Service—

From the moment a sale is completed, that
customer's interest is not lost sight of—he
is urged to return goods, if perchance they are
unsatisfactory.

Every wrong is quickly righted—delivery
prompt—attention is courteous, and every cus-
tomer becomes a friend.

Value—

The most expert woolen men select the goods,
trained examiners see that they are perfect,
they are designed by men of extraordinary
ability and the tailoring is supervised by men
whose knowledge of their trade is beyond ap-
proach. We know that when a P&Q garment
is offered for sale it becomes a standard of
value that cannot be equalled by others.

Mutual Interest—

To satisfy each customer is the greatest effort
made by the P&Q Shops. It's a mutual
proposition—it is an endless chain; if we please
one man, we invite his friends and their friends
and so from the beginning we have studied the
interest of our customers, and therefore our
own—making it a mutual benefit for both,
from which has sprung this wonderful chain of
P&Q Stores, in 22 large cities in the U. S. A.
and which lead the road in value-giving that is
difficult for others to follow.

Every man who values appearance and
economy eventually turns to P&Q for his clothes
—why not now?



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Fur Collar Coats

At \$19.95 and \$22.95 were fine examples of

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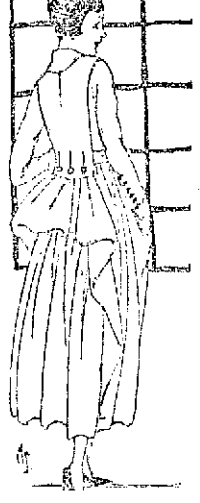
Many have fur
collars; others
have convertible
collars. All are
made of heavy
weight materials. Navy, black, brown, green,
tanne and pelkin. Some styles are lined
throughout; others lined to waist. All sizes.

\$35 to \$45
Coats Now

Silvertone, bolivia, high lustre broadcloth,
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Beautiful silk linings. Full sweep around
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cluded.

So that there may be no slackening in
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\$18.50 & \$20 Dresses



Beautiful new
styles in satin,
tulle and serge
—also combina-
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satin.

A few plaids and fancy stripes. Mostly
plain colors. Lace collars and trimmings.
Embroidered effects. Women's and misses'
sizes.

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No less than 15 styles to choose from,
and the style range is so varied that it
will gratify every taste. It will be well
worth your while to make a personal in-
spection of these charming dresses.

A Man's Clothing Announcement Addressed to Women

More women in Lowell and vicinity know, appreciate, and take advantage of Chalifoux Value every
day. In these days of rising prices it is of vital importance that every dollar spent be expended judiciously. You have learned that
Chalifoux value means the elimination of waste in buying merchandise. Chalifoux quality makes Chalifoux value spread.

We CAN and DO give supreme values in Men's Clothing and we have 30 or 40 departments in this
store among which expenses are apportioned. Consequently we do not have to charge as much for clothing as we would if our
Clothing Department had to shoulder the entire expense of a store.

Mothers, Wives and Daughters who read this announcement are requested to call it to the attention of
sons, husbands, fathers and brothers.



MEN'S WINTER Trench Coats \$15

The styles are belted all around, patch
pockets, convertible collar, in plain blue or
brown. Also fancy mixtures in single or
double breasted—sizes 33 to 42. Priced \$15.00
Other Trench Coats.....\$18.00 to \$28.00

REAL 16 OUNCE LESTER CLOTH PANTS—In gray and black stripes; sizes as small
as 32 and as large as 50 waist. Well tailored. Specially priced at.....\$3.75

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR SUITS

Sizes 14 to 20 years. Comprise new models in fine all wool cassimers, light and dark
fancy mixtures, stripes and plain colors. New up-to-date homespun. \$15, \$18, \$20
Prices

Shopping Bags, \$1.50 to \$8.50 | Club Bags, \$1.50 to \$18.00 | Dress Suit Cases, \$1.50 to \$10.00
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FINANCE ROADS OR SEIZE THEM

The railroads of the country, from one cause or another, have failed to meet the exigencies of the nation in time of war, and something must be done quickly to bring the necessary relief.

Many remedies have been proposed, but none applied that has thus far brought the desired results. There has been a rapid increase in wages and the cost of material while the rates remained practically stationary. The result has been that the upkeep of the roads has been neglected, the necessary rolling stock has not been supplied, and many of the systems have become so financially embarrassed that bankruptcy, real or threatened, seems to be their only recourse.

The Adamson bill fell heavily upon them and when the war started in 1914, they were ill prepared to meet its increased demands.

The government appointed a railroad war board for the purpose of mobilizing the transportation resources of the country. The board has done fairly good work, but its chief aim was to keep the war material moving. Consequently, the industrial business has been side-tracked wherever the preparations for war made that necessary. Many passenger trains have been cut off and freights have the priority particularly in the war service.

As might be expected the people have suffered for lack of coal, lack of sugar, lack of flour, lack of many commodities produced here in abundance, but impossible of distribution under the present arrangement. Chairman Fairfax Harrison of the war board, has reported that the board has eliminated passenger service equivalent to 18,267,028 passenger miles per year, this to save man power, fuel and motive power to be applied to the transportation of necessities. This will make available for other purposes 1,129,000 tons of coal, but yet this does not suffice.

Now comes the expected. The Interstate Commerce commission recommends immediate action to effect the national unification of the railroads either by government operation or by suspension of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws for the duration of the war, with a federal loan and regulation of security issues to permit more effective voluntary co-operation.

One of the commissioners, thinking that government control might suffice for improving the transportation without going to the extremes favored by the full board, has submitted a minority report on this line. Government control is the least that will be attempted, but it is not at all likely that this will suffice without a liberal appropriation to supply the necessary cars and rehabilitate the roads that are financially run down.

The problem is a big one and as President Wilson has promised to deal with it in a special message to congress, his action will be awaited with interest. He has had the matter under careful consideration ever since the last national election. The pressing demand of the brotherhoods for an increase of 40 per cent, complicates the situation still further.

The president can be relied upon to solve the problem. He may decide to finance the roads and control them, and at the same time conscript the men who have been keeping up continual strikes if nothing else will keep them in check.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER

The nation stands aghast at the news of the awful disaster at Halifax. Thousands dead, other thousands left homeless, wounded and in the utmost need of assistance, is the plain statement of the actual facts. The property loss is said to run high into the millions.

It now appears to have been a French and not an American vessel loaded with munitions that blew up. As to the identity of the vessel that rammed the munition cargo there is but speculation. Some authorities say it was a Belgian relief ship, others that it was a Norwegian vessel, but investigation alone can ultimately show what ship was responsible for the terrible catastrophe.

We here in Lowell recall the South Lowell explosion which did so much damage, but if it had been fifty times as powerful, it probably would not even then have been as terrible as the blast from the munition ship in Halifax harbor.

It is a fearful calamity due to accident and the accident, as usual, was due to lack of caution, lack of the necessary protection that should be thrown around a vessel of this kind at all times. There has been too much crowding around such vessels. They have been obliged to pass through forests of shipping, not only at Halifax, but at New York and other ports. There should be a guard on all such ships to keep the other miscellaneous craft away from them.

The loss of the Titanic a few years ago taught a severe lesson to the trans-Atlantic companies and doubtless this disaster will have a like effect in causing the various governments to guard the munition vessels from danger or collision as though

they were mountains of dynamite, which in reality some of them are. Halifax needs relief and every city in the United States will readily join in supplying the aid that is imperatively needed by the victims of this calamity.

PUSH THE CHARTER MOVEMENT

The movement for charter reform is to go right ahead until it be placed upon the ballot at the next state election.

The city of Lynn had practically the same kind of charter we have in force at the present time, but discarded it at the recent state election. Lynn will now have a charter with ward representation and a number of aldermen elected at large. The body will consist either of eleven or of fifteen members. The mayor will be the chief executive and will exercise a veto power over the acts of the council. That will prevent a few men from dictating the actions and the policies of the city. The movement should be taken up by the citizens generally and carried forward to success. The present charter has served to defeat the will of the people despite the fact that the candidates have been elected at large. It lends itself to the exploitation of the city's interests by a few men for their own political advancement. This has been its great defect in every city in which our form of charter has been tried. It is time to cast aside this anomalous instrument born in the minds of theorists, but found lacking in merit when put to a practical test.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS UNARMED

Fifty American engineers fighting Germans with bare fists and getting away! It seems preposterous for any American to enter the war zone unarmed. A good revolver loaded for bear is the least that a man might be expected to possess while taking chances in the war zone. It is all right to be handy with the mit, but that kind of practice does not win battles against men who are well armed. Every engineer should be prepared to shoot if attacked.

SIMPLIFIED THE ISSUES

President Wilson's speech to congress has simplified the issues of the war for the allies as well as for the United States. His plain statement of the terms upon which the United States will make peace has exposed the weakness of the German government in holding that conditions of peace cannot be discussed except in secret conference.

MAY CONSCRIPT LABOR

Congress will probably be asked to give the president power to stop work on non-essential enterprises in order to release men enough to maintain

the occupations which are necessary to victory. This may ultimately lead to conscription of labor which, in certain quarters, is just as important as military service.

When the British sunk a German war vessel recently, they rescued the crew. The Germans in such a case, shoot the survivors. After torpedoing the Anapa, they shelled the small boats in which the women and children were trying to escape.

The soldiers were misrepresented when it was said they came to Lowell for drink, but if any of them wish to

GOOD BLOOD

"Blood will tell." Blotches and blemishes, like murder, will out, unless the blood is kept pure. Its purity is restored and protected by the faithful use of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

Getting Ahead In the World?



If you need money, you can borrow at once on your CHARACTER. A legitimate debt is a good thing. A prominent employer said recently that the best men are those who are honorably in debt—who have incentives for saving.

The "Morris Plan" is the first method by which the man who is harrassed by a number of past due debts can square himself with his creditors and meet his obligations in a satisfactory manner.

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visit a licensed city they will find one or two nearer to Camp Devens than Lowell.

SEEN AND HEARD

Sugar was never so dearly sweet as now.

A man's affection may be all wrapped up in a girl, yet his love be light enough to go by parcel post.

A cynic is usually a man who would rather take a dyspepsia tablet than a walk, and who is wedded to a collection of habits in preference to a woman.

"Factory Notes"

The November number of "Factory Notes," the U. S. Cartridge Co. publication, has made its appearance. A number of timely articles on knitting will prove of special interest to the young ladies employed at the big plant. Another article tells of some of the achievements of the girls in the various departments in the line of Red Cross work. Under the direction of Miss Ethel Steeper of the welfare department, a total of 30 sweaters, 12 pairs of socks, 20 neck pieces and two helmets had been made up to Nov. 1. The usual department numbers are included.

The Sleeping Passenger

We have before us a letter from a conductor (it doesn't matter on what line he runs) in which he tells about some troubles he had with a passenger.

Let us quote his frank statement: "After all was right, I came back to him and asked him why he was not paying his fare, and he said, 'Be-



Keep the Children Well

To keep the little ones well, sturdy and happy, free of coughs, colds, croup, little fevers and inflamed throats, use

Foley's Honey and Tar.

It is carefully made of selected remedies that loosen and break up a cough, stop croup and ease an aching inflamed throat, and it is clean of all narcotics. The promptness of Foley's Honey and Tar is very helpful for whooping cough, and the restless feverish state that attends children's diseases.

"M. T. Davis, Bearville, W. Va., writes:— 'One of my patrons had a small child taken with croup. They came to my store and bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and before morning the child was entirely recovered.'

Falls & Burkhart, 418 Middlesex

St., Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central st.

cause you went to sleep on the rear end and did not call the stops and carried me home."

Now, note this:

"I told him that he must have been 'stewed.'"

The mind you, is what the conductor himself confesses he said. "The passenger's version isn't so very much different. The passenger writes that the conductor said this: 'You are half 'stewed,' that is what is the matter with you.'"

It is hard to believe that any Bay State conductor would use such language in talking to a passenger, no matter what the provocation might have been. To use language of that kind puts the conductor in bad right away. It earned for him a reprimand, which he received.

Of course, our cars are not Pullman

sleeping cars, and passengers are not

supposed to go to sleep on them, but

when, as it sometimes happens, pas-

sengers do go to sleep, they should

be treated with unusual consideration.

The passenger who is sleeping

should receive more attention than

one who is not sleeping. Bay State

Triangle Talks.

The Man With the Traps

I've often sat in a crowded house

(When a crowded house was

there)

And harked to the sob of the violin

And the trombone's strident blare.

And I've thought I would like to be

the man

With the tipped baton, perhaps—

But I always return to my early love.

The man with the rippling traps!

For I love the beat of the big bass

drum

And the rat-a-tat tat of the snare,

And I like the snap of the tambourine

And the cymbals' rattle and roar;

I like the triangles' clanging note

And the long to steady cymbals—

The 'd love to handle the long baton

Or loo on the big trombone.

If I were the man with the merry

traps,

I'd quack with the duck nose, too—

I'd jingle the sleighbells, hounk the

horn

And squeak like a kangaroo!

I'd gallop a mile with the coconut

shells

And dance with the castanets.

And forget my worries with tailor

bills

And all life's similar frets.

So you take the job with the long

baton

And you play the big trombone.

And you go the sob with the violin.

But give me the xylophone!

You'll carry the air and lead the way.

Or be losing the job, but I'll

But the folks in the house will tap

their feet

To the joy of the good old traps!

—Harry Edward Warner, in Richmond

Times-Dispatch.

"God Help Me to Endure"

Mrs. Alice Dodd had not been notified

by the government that her son,

James Graham, 23, was the first sold-

ier to shed his blood for American

democracy as one of Gen. Pershing's

troopers.

She was bending over a washbasin at

her little home, 20 Lenox avenue,

Evansville, Ind. The reporter who

delivered the message tells of the mes-

sage as follows:

"I knew of her smile as I entered

I would have to tell her the story.

"You're the mother of James Grah-

am, the boy who is fighting in

France?" I asked. "Will you give me

one of his photographs?"

"Oh yes," she replied.

And I told her I wanted to put it

in the paper. I requested her picture,

too.

She talked about her son as she

looked through a pile of photographs

seeking one of his. He had joined the

army four years ago, she said. He

was under age, but she signed the pa-

pers for him. Yes, she was proud of

him, of course, but then—

"It's awfully hard to have him gone,"

she said.

"Mrs. Dodd, consider this is a war

for human life," I said. "Don't you

think any mother ought to be glad to

have her boy fighting for a cause like

this?"

"Yes," the mother answered.

"And don't you think any mother

would be glad to have her boy give

his life, even for a cause like that?"

"Yes," she said again.

"And wouldn't any mother wouldn't

you be glad if that boy were the

first—the very first—to give his life

for the cause and his country?"

"Yes," she said, and looked up at

me with a bright eye and a happy

smile, and then the light faded out

of her eye and the smile faded.

"Great God," she cried, "it's not my

boy that's dead."

I told Mrs. Dodd we were going to

publish her story. Two daughters tried to

quiet her.

There were just two sentences that

framed themselves out of the bubble

of her words. "God bless him," and

the other, "Will they bring his body

home?"

She has insurance enough to pay

the expense of shipment, she says.

The last time Mrs. Dodd saw James

was three years ago. But he wrote

every week and often.

In her hand she clutched a little

blue handkerchief embroidered in gay

colored daisies, a souvenir of France, the

last gift James had sent her before

he went into the trenches.

She does not know this is more than

a great personal tragedy to her. She

doesn't realize this event makes his-

tory. She doesn't find consolation in

the fact that her son gave his life for

down for generations.

"Yes, he's a hero and for his sake

I ought to be brave, but I'm not a

hero. I'm just a mother."

And I wondered who was the great-

est hero, James or his mother.

LET FROM THE ARCTIC—NORTH-

ERN LIGHTS FLASHES VEILITUDE

CHIEF TO FRANCE

A number of days ago a copy of the

Chicago Tribune, speeded north from

Seattle by steamboat and sled, reached

the farthest north corners of "white

man's land" under the other side of

Mount McKinley's peak, and still it

traveled on. At a point near Etah

it was being carried by a party of

men across the frozen, irregularly

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IT is unquestionably true that our prices for Overcoats today are from \$5 to \$10 less than you will be obliged to pay for equally good garments next year.

We never offered a larger or better stock, in which are represented all of the smartest models for men and young men—in the newest fabrics and colorings.

Trench Coats in an infinite variety of fabrics, quite military in style, full belts, slash or patch pockets. . . . \$13.50 to \$30.00

MEANS ON STAND FOR SIX HOURS YESTERDAY

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 7.—For six hours yesterday Gaston B. Means testified in his own behalf before the jury which is trying him for murder, but at adjournment last night he had not brought his recital down to the time when Mrs. Claude A. King was shot and killed, after she had gone with him to Blackwelder Spring on Aug. 28.

The defendant's testimony yesterday dealt with German plots which he said he had discovered while working for a private detective agency's German clients and with his financial transactions during the years he acted as business agent for Mrs. King.

Explains Opening Letters
When his narrative was interrupted by adjournment it had just reached the events of last July and he was explaining letters which the state had placed in evidence with the intent to prove that he had tried to keep Mrs.

King in ignorance of his movements and his transactions for months before her death.

One of these letters Means wrote in Chicago. It approved the action of his brother, Alton, in opening and forwarding to him a telegram addressed to Mrs. King and instructed Alton to forward to him all mail received for Mrs. King, her sister, Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, and her mother, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson.

Means said the latter was written shortly after he had sent the three women, with his father-in-law, W. R. Patterson, to Asheville from Chicago. That was done, he said, because he and Mrs. King had become involved in a contest with the Northern Trust company of Chicago, over the alleged second will of the late James V. King, dated in 1905, and they did not want to be bothered by newspaper men.

Under the terms of this will Mrs. King would have inherited from her husband a large sum held in trust by the trust company for a charitable institution.

The papers were drawn up, signed by the two women, and presented at the bank by the witness. He received the securities in the fund and borrowed \$30,000 or part of them from three banks. The money was deposited in his name, he asserted, because suits were threatened against Mrs. King.

Later some of this money, the witness continued, was used in cotton speculation, which quickly netted a profit of \$10,000, one-third of which Mrs. King received.

MAN SENT TO HOSPITAL AS RESULT OF SHOOTING AFFRAY IN MARKET STREET
Christos Spanos, residing in Market street, was shot in the side by Peter Logos of 373 Market street, while coming out of a saloon in Market street about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Spanos was removed to St. John's hospital and after being examined it was found that the wound was not a serious one and it could be only a question of time before he would be able to be around again.

According to the facts obtained by the police, the shooting affair, Spanos is a second-hand in the Newark mill, where Logos works. Yesterday there was trouble of some sort between the two men in the mill. Logos went home and secured a revolver. Then he went out of the house and visited a saloon. According to his story, when he was coming out of the saloon he was attacked by three men, one of whom was Spanos. Logos claimed that the men threatened him with stones, and he discharged his revolver, wounding Spanos. The

FOUR WEEKS IN HOSPITAL

No Relief—Mrs. Brown Finally Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Cleveland, Ohio.—"For years I suffered so sometimes it seemed as though I could not stand it any longer. It was all in my lower organs. At times I could hardly walk, for if I stepped on a little stone I would almost faint. One day I did faint and my husband was sent for and the doctor came. I was taken to the hospital and stayed four weeks but when I came home I would faint just the same and had the same pains.

A friend who is a nurse asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began taking it that very day for I was suffering a great deal. It has already done me more good than the hospital. To anyone who is suffering as I was my advice is to stop in the first drug-store and get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before you go home."—Mrs. W. C. Brown, 2844 W. 12th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Letter was taken in the ambulance to St. John's hospital, and Logos was placed under arrest by Officers Joe Clark and Bagley, who gave chase.

POLICE THREATEN STRIKE AT PHILADELPHIA
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Citizens of Philadelphia yesterday saw policemen gather on city hall plaza to hold a mass meeting of protest against the treatment accorded them by the administration and urge an increase in wages, and they also saw uniformed policemen, some of them mounted, drive away the protesting patrolmen before their meeting could get under way. There was no trouble, the disappointed men seeing the commands of their brother officers.

Policemen who are members of the Patrolmen's Benevolent and Protective association, comprising about 3000 of the 4000 men of the force, voted on Tuesday night to strike if their pay is not increased to \$1400 a year. They now receive \$2.25 to \$3 a day, according to length of service.

New Year's eve has been fixed as the time to quit, but leaders among the men alleged that the city authorities have been so indifferent in their treatment toward the policemen that many members of the organization want to quit at once.

A protest meeting was planned for yesterday to be held under the windows of the mayor's office, but the authorities refused to grant a permit. Hundreds of men, not knowing that it had been so decided, gathered there only to be dispersed.

The dissatisfied patrolmen besides asking for an increase in wages are also demanding non-participation in political activity and non-interference by the controlling authorities with the policemen's organization or their pension fund.

A patrolmen's association held a meeting last night to plan what immediate action it shall take to have the demands of the men granted.

PERRY D. THOMPSON SPEAKS AT ENGINE HOUSE IN HIGH STREET

A well attended rally in the interest of Perry D. Thompson, candidate for mayor and all other candidates who wished to address the voters, was held last evening in the engine house in High street.

The rally was presided over by Charles B. Slattery, who introduced Mr. Thompson as the "future" mayor of Lowell. Mr. Thompson made a very interesting address, dwelling briefly upon his record in the school board and closed by asking the voters present to vote for Perry D. Thompson for mayor next Tuesday. Dr. Thompson, candidate for the school board, was present, but he did not address the gathering.

Mr. Miskella Speaks
James F. Miskella, candidate for alderman, made several speeches yesterday and addressed large and enthusiastic audiences at the Cartridge shop and other places.

SLASHED WITH RAZOR
PITTSFIELD, Dec. 7.—License Commissioner Harry C. Hutchinson of 122 Longview terrace was the victim of a vicious assault by an unknown Italian on a footbridge which crosses the Housatonic river between East street and Longview terrace last night. The Italian slashed Commissioner Hutchinson, probably with a razor, twice across the face, making four distinct cuts. The wounds are on both sides of the face, across the bridge of the nose and over the upper lip.

KENWOOD MISSION
A real enjoyable social was held at the Mission hall Wednesday evening. An excellent supper was served by members of the Women's Friendly circle, the names of the chief contributors being Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Cheney, Mrs. Thursty, Mrs. Davies, Miss Davies and Miss Woods. The ladies propose to hold these socials once a month. A Sunday school service is held at 3 p. m. and preaching at 4 o'clock each Sunday and a meeting for prayer and song on Tuesday evenings at 7:45.

DANIEL WELCH KILLED IN FALL DOWN FLIGHT OF STAIRS

Daniel Welch, an old resident of this city, died almost instantly yesterday afternoon after falling down a flight of stairs at his lodging house, 21 Hurd street. As he was about to descend he slipped on the top step and went head foremost down the entire flight and although he was breathing when found he died within a few minutes. The body was examined by Medical Examiner Thomas B. Smith.

LOWELL SOCIALIST CLUB
The regular meeting of the American branch of the Lowell Socialist club was held last night at 21 Middle street. There was a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted. Three new members were admitted and plans were reported under way for a series of lectures on "Socialism" during the winter season. The next meeting will be held December 13.

John Terry of Nantucket gave an old chair, which he found in his attic, to a man in his employ for use "up in his snout." A short time after he was much chagrined to find that the chair had been sold for \$10.

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Corset Covers, with sleeves.....89c to \$1.00

CORSETS AND BRASSIERES

For Christmas, a corset of pretty brocade with silk laces is a useful gift to a member of one's family.

Brassieres—As personal gifts between girls, pretty brassieres are ideal; decorative models of silk, laces and satin are especially attractive.

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Gowns in pink or white.....\$5.00 to \$7.98
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Camisoles, in crepe de chine or wash satin.....\$1.00 to \$1.98
Boudoir Caps.....39c to \$2.25

HANDKERCHIEFS

PRACTICAL AND ECONOMICAL

Initial in Men's and Women's, all linen.....25c
Beautiful Silverine Embroidery.....25c and 50c
Fancy Embroidery in colors.....15c and 25c
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Children's, attractively boxed.....19c and 25c

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ONE NEVER HAS TOO MANY PAIRS

Silk Fibre, black, white, colors.....69c and 89c
Full Fashioned Fine Lisle.....75c
McCallum Silk Hose, black, white and colors, at lowest possible prices, considering the advance cost of silks and dyes.

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Sewing Bag Aprons.....50c
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Maids' Aprons, Hamburg trimmed.....50c to \$1.50
Other Aprons, larger than a tea apron.....29c to 69c
Aprons for Red Cross Workers.....\$1.10, \$1.49
Kerchiefs for the head.....50c
Aprons and Caps for the nurse.
Waitress Aprons, reversible.
All kinds of Bungalow and House Aprons.

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209-211 MIDDLESEX STREET

GIRLS TO PAY FARES OF SPRINGFIELD BOYS AT CAMP GORDON

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 7.—The 293 girls in the telephone exchange were jubilant yesterday when they received definite information from Arthur J. Dion, a private in Co. F, 325th Infantry, stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, that all the Springfield boys composing that company had been granted a nine days' furlough and will come home to participate in the Christmas celebration which the girls are preparing for them. The girls are planning to pay the boys' fare from Georgia to Springfield and return.

FORTY BOYS ESCAPE ABBOTT SCHOOL FIRE AT FARMINGTON, ME.

FARMINGTON, Me., Dec. 7.—Fire, discovered about 10 o'clock last night, destroyed the dormitory at Abbott School for Boys. All of the 40 boys escaped from the building uninjured, but many lost all their belongings. Two alarms brought out the entire fire department but the firemen were hampered in their work by zero temperature. The fire originated about a chimney.

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212 MERRIMACK STREET

HUSBAND OF MURDERED WOMAN TESTIFIES

DEBHAM, Dec. 7.—George H. Keyes, husband of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, was called as a witness for the prosecution when the trial of Miss Harriet A. Varney, charged with the murder of Mrs. Keyes, was resumed in Norfolk county superior court today.

It was because of her infatuation for Keyes, the state charges, that Miss Varney shot Mrs. Keyes.

Keyes appeared perfectly comely when he walked to the witness stand and took the oath.

Everyone of the 150 seats for spectators were filled with women.

Keyes testified of his intimate companionship with Miss Varney, and said they lived together as man and wife in New York, Providence and Boston for more than a year prior to his marriage to his stenographer, in August, 1916.

He took his bride west and from Chicago sent Miss Varney, who was in Providence, a postal card, by which he

RELIEF TRAINS RUSH TO HALIFAX

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—American Red Cross officials here today awaited details of the Halifax catastrophe, prepared to send additional relief to that dispatched by special trains from Boston and New York last night without formal call for assistance from Canada.

Estes Rockwell and J. S. Ellsworth, workers in the Red Cross military relief, are in Halifax. Mr. Rockwell last night telegraphed news of the explosion, although this message did not reach Boston. It was assumed he was safe. The two workers had been sent to Halifax rest canteens for soldiers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Red Cross relief train leaving Boston for Halifax, a Red Cross worker in Halifax. It is made up of five cars loaded with food, clothing and medical supplies.

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ASKS RECEIVER FOR BAY STATE ST. RY.

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On the further setback stocks lost 2 points, with other equipments, copper and shipping. Union Pacific, New York Central, Reading, Illinois Central and Baltimore & Ohio common and preferred were among the heaviest falls the latter declining to the new minimum of 41. Pennsylvania also recorded a new low at 115. Telephone and telegraph shares added to recent losses. Trading was virtually suspended at noon. Foreign bonds were heavy. Liberty bonds sold at 116 to 117, and the 4½s at 108 to 109.

Bullish became more pronounced during the last hour but prices rallied and very gradually, many foreign losses being entirely retrieved. Steels and rails were most responsive to support.

Further improvement was shown in the last hour but this was surrendered toward the close. The closing was heavy. Liberty is held at 115 to 116 and the 4½s at 108 to 109.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Cotton futures opened firm, December 23.33; January 23.10; March 23.10; May 23.10. Futures closed easy, December 23.10; January 23.10; March 23.10; May 23.10. Spot quiet; middling 23.30.

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SAYS 10,000 ARMENIANS ARE STARVING

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Thousands of old men, women and children who sought refuge in the Caucasus from the barbarities of the Turks in Armenia are dying from hunger as a direct result of the overthrow of the Russian provincial government, according to a cable message received December 2 by Secretary of State Lansing from F. W. Smith, American consul at Tiflis.

Russian Caucasus, and made public here yesterday by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. The counter revolution eliminated automatically the funds provided by the provisional government for the maintenance of orphanages and asylums and the distribution of food and clothing to the refugees, the message states.

In addition to the sum already promised by the New York organization \$200,000 monthly will be required to continue the relief work, Consul Smith said. He also urged the extension of State loaning from the American cloth manufacturer, F. W. Smith American consul at Tiflis.

may be provided for thousands of the needy.

"Since the advent of the Maximalist government at Petrograd, the situation of the Armenians in the Caucasus is no longer one of hope, but of despair. No funds are available for the maintenance of orphanages and asylums for refugees hitherto kept by the state, and for the distribution of food. Starvation has begun. Orphanages and asylums, other than American, will have to be closed, leaving thousands of orphans and many old people to die of starvation, homeless. The minimum estimate to keep up these institutions is 500,000 roubles monthly.

"To take up the work of feeding the refugees unable to buy food, 1,000,000 roubles monthly will be necessary. I also suggested the extension of our cloth manufacturers from present basis of 500 suits weekly to 2,000, thus giving labor to extra thousands. Surplus production can be turned over at cost price to national armies now dependent on production in this district. Total requirements for this winter, in addition to sums already promised by New York committees, are \$200,000 monthly and also \$100,000 for extension of cloth factories.

"Smith, American consul."

Is it fair to be indulging ourselves when (he men in uniform are prohibited? Advertisement. Otto Hackmeyer

"WE ARE GOING OVER" DANCE

The popular "We are going over" dance will be given as usual in Association hall tomorrow evening, and a large crowd of merry-makers is expected to attend the big event. This is one of the series of dances which are being given every Saturday evening during the winter season. Broderick's full orchestra of eight pieces will be on hand with the music. There will be no intermission. Admission for ladies is 15 cents; gents, 25 cents.

There are 23 plants for removing iron from public water supplies in New Jersey, according to the latest report of the New Jersey state department of health.

If we are to have sugar and food for the children we must save and cut out beer, whiskey, wines and luxuries. Advertisement. Otto Hackmeyer

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"Huh, well I want most of all is a good stiff poke at the Kaiser's jaw!"

PLANS OF UNIFYING THE RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Although no decision had been reached as to the best means of unifying the railroads a step declared necessary for the war by the interstate commerce commission, President Wilson, congressional leaders and members of the railroad board were ready to continue conference looking to a solution.

In a talk yesterday with Senator Newlands, chairman of the congressional committee investigating the railroads, the railroad men are understood to have declared \$1,000,000,000 necessary for new terminals and equipment to meet next year's demands.

SOCIAL AND DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight from 8 o'clock until midnight Associate hall will be the rendezvous of the hundreds of pleasure-seekers who will throng there to participate in the annual social and dance of the Temple club. In the past this event has been one of the most brilliant of the season and this year will prove no exception to the rule. The affair will be run on a grander scale than ever before. The music for the occasion will be furnished by Milner Doyle's orchestra. Tickets are 25 cents.

If we are to have sugar and food for the children we must save and cut out beer, whiskey, wines and luxuries. Advertisement. Otto Hackmeyer

Worcester to be scene of 50th annual winter convention of farmers

The annual round-up of the farming interests of Massachusetts will take place this year on Jan. 8, 9, 10.

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WEAVERS wanted. Apply Martin Bros., 109 Cambridge st.

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Six good experienced trimmers wanted at once on McKay Shoes.

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Programs and premium

PATRIOTIC MEETING BY BOARD OF TRADE

"We've shown Germany that in business forces of the country. And learning the meaning of wealth we have not forgotten the meaning of commonwealth."

Perhaps this was the most striking statement made at the first winter meeting of the members of the Lowell board of trade, held last evening in Colonial hall. At any rate, it was one of the most striking. Ellis L. Howland, editor of the New York Journal of Commerce and representative of the national industrial conservation movement, had taken up his subject of "American Industry and the War" and had shown his 200 or more auditors in just what contempt American nationalism had been held by European nations prior to our entering the great war. Then he vividly sketched the immediate response, not only to the call to arms but the call to mobilize the

olive drab included: Corp. Charles D. Ingram, first tender, formerly with "Madame Sherry" and "The Top of the World"; Corp. Chas. M. Bowman, second tender; Private Lawrence Hawley, baritone; and Private Percy Hulsegrave, basso. The pianist was Private Daniel Guay, formerly musical director for "Very Good Eddie." Private Hulsegrave also gave violin numbers. Private John Fitzgerald, a vaudeville entertainer, gave stories, mimicry and dancing.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the crowd assembled in Colonial hall and President James C. Kelly opened the meeting. Mr. Kelly said that he did not wish to take up the time of the members in speaking of board of trade affairs, but he urged the support of the members at the present time as being needed more than ever before. "At this time," he said, "there is greater need for an organized board of trade than ever before in the history of the city. In these trying times it is best that the industries of the city have mutual understanding so that they may work intelligently toward the successful prosecution of the war."

Mr. Balch Introduced

In conclusion, he introduced W. R. Balch, war editor of the Boston Transcript and a man who has spent much of his life in Europe, as the first speaker of the evening. Mr. Balch's address was similar in many respects to one which he delivered before the members of the High and only a few weeks ago but the new aspects of the war brought on by recent happenings received their share of attention from the speaker, and his address was wholly enjoyable. He chose as his subject "How Lowell Can Help to Shorten the War," and in opening he reiterated President Kelly's appeal for an organized board of trade. "The war is one way in which you can help shorten the war," he said.

"Pershing has guaranteed that if every American behind the lines will do his part in backing up the men in the trenches, the war will be won with a small loss of life. Every one of you, I trust, has read the president's message. Doubtless you approve of it. It is you do approve of it, how can you sit still and not work for him? You are not working for him if you pick up a couple of three or four per cent bonds and then sit back and think that you have done your share."

"It's hard for American people to put on the chains of discipline. They have not been used to it. The greater assets which we shall have when this war is over is the fact that several hundred thousand Americans are coming back

to this country with set lips and will force the nation to become decent and respectful of law. They won't tolerate any shilly-shallying."

"I believe the spirit of do-something is in Lowell at the present time. You ought to be content that you are fighting for a righteous cause. That battle over there is a struggle between God and the devil, between God and hellish German efficiency."

Mr. Balch then went on to prove Germany's bad faith in saying that she had declared war because she had been attacked by France. He told of the assembling of thousands of German troops days before the war started. He told of the peaceful penetration policy which Germany had in force for 40 years before the outbreak of the war.

He said that the United States could never repay her debt to Belgium. That country had delayed the German advance six days; and the Germans have never made up that lost time.

In conclusion he urged that the men in Lowell back up the soldiers to the limit. "If you do so," he said, "I don't know of any greater satisfaction than that which you will have on one bright morning after the war is over when you will go to your churches, kneel down and thank God that you have been privileged to live in this glorious period and to help set aright and direct a world which was adrift."

Ellis L. Howland

Ellis L. Howland was the second speaker and he urged an attitude of trust toward the business men of the country during the war. He spoke in part as follows:

"It is not my purpose tonight to discuss with you the magnificent part we are playing in the final acts of the great drama of the world. The opportunities which are presented for making not only the world safe for democracy but democracy safe for the world. The splendid answer which has been recorded to the riddle of our great national melting pot when ten million young men marched bravely to the roll of honor and inscribed their names, has already gone forth to the world. The tears and cheers with which we sent them on their way, but a few days ago, are still fresh in mind and we all share the confident assurance that the traditions of the forefathers will bring Old Glory back with fresh laurels from Flanders, Alsace and the gates of Berlin."

"The patriotic response of American industry has been quite as glorious as that of our conscripted host. However much of justice there may have been

in the laurels of these soldiers that we were a nation of shopkeepers and a country of money-making, the American business man has registered the most heroic deed of his career. He has sacrificed at the sacrifice of patriotism and loyalty."

"It is a time to make every American, whatever his station, proud of his citizenship and his national spirit of loyalty and determination. But, if I may reverse the old adage: 'In time of war prepare for peace.' I would say to you today 'In time of war prepare for peace.' The war has shaken humanity to its very foundations. Not only are nations hanging in the balance but our national industrial and economic institutions are facing most radical readjustments. In the past we have had strata of society, based upon culture, on wealth, or lineage, but now men of all ranks and conditions have faced death, shoulder to shoulder in the trenches in defense of a common principle the old distinction of never again prevail. We have become as never before, a common people; not only in the trenches, but in the workshop, the office and on the city streets. We are now united in a common purpose to create new conditions in every line of human relation. Friendships among nations will radiate commercial exchange, the money wastage of the war will saddle upon us all burdens of taxation which will demand unheard of economies. The losses of men and of plants in the devastated districts will be heavily upon reconstruction industry. Poor bleeding Belgium, for instance, once a veritable beehive of industry, has been stripped of every machine and every reconstructed industry. Whole enterprises have been shipped bodily to Germany, while the human element can never wholly be restored. Whatever human enterprise did may never be repeated. No man can predict the future of industrial Europe."

"Readjustments of borders will call for readjustments of trade. The entrance of women into industry will be an economic factor of no small consequence and the losses of world tonnage and the restoration of traffic will be a problem which will challenge all our preconceived ideas. How few of us realize that the available carrying tonnage of our overseas commerce has suffered the loss of over 3,000 ships and whose capacity was 3,300,000 tons. Before world commerce can again become normal this must be restored and new routes and commercial control must be established. In America we have just awakened to the fact that no nation is safe so long as her foreign trade is at the mercy of foreign powers."

Three brothers enlisted in the regular army at Williamsport, Pa., at the same time recently. They are Robert S. Kephart, aged 20, field artillery; Stewart S. Kephart, aged 22, infantry; and Almer L. Kephart, aged 22, infantry. They are the only sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Kephart of Monument, Pa.

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War Picture Shows

After the speaking several moving picture films showing the activities of the American troops in France were thrown on the screen. The pictures opened appropriately with scenes showing the construction of barracks for the boys and one was reminded of similar scenes at the time the French children and also with some not so little. The pictures seemed to vitalize the stories of France which we have been receiving every day in the form of letters from the boys who have gone across. While the pictures were being shown the soldier singers from Camp Devens sang appropriate numbers and added a touch of realism to the entertainment. It was an enjoyable and patriotic evening for the members of the Lowell board of trade.

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Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 7.—How much coal is there in the city of Lowell and what are the first needs of your manufacturers, your wholesale and retail dealers for the present winter? This question in substance has been asked of every community in the commonwealth by James I. Storrow, New England fuel administrator. That question has started a state-wide coal inventory. The reports of which are being made to the fuel administrator.

Explaining the purpose of the survey and inventory today Mr. Storrow declared that the coal shortage is more acute than is generally understood. Small dealers, merchants and manufacturers are in pretty bad condition relative to coal needs and the loss there is a distribution on the basis of the needs of the various concerns there will be hardship.

"The fixing of coal prices will do no good unless the dealers have coal to sell to the industries," said Mr. Storrow. "If there isn't any coal it doesn't matter if the price of a ton of coal is \$5 or \$20. Some concerns have contracts and are getting fairly sized supplies of coal. It is understood that when the inventory is completed the fuel administrator will be in a position to direct coal shipments for immediate use to those plants in the state where it is most needed."

In a recent communication to the fuel committee, Mr. Storrow urged the members of such boards to make a thorough survey and to take an inventory of their own supplies.

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